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Pedal For Hope... and Dawson Hamilton

On Monday afternoon a large group of police officers arrived in Minden, but on this particular visit, they were there for the "good guys". Despite the rain and snow, the Pedal for Hope bicycle team rode in to promote their efforts to beat cancer, and to thank the students and staff at Archie Stouffer School (ASES) for supporting the cause.

During their Pedal for Hope Campaign, these men and women, all members of the Peterborough-Lakefield Police Services or the OPP, use their holiday time to bicycle 1000 km to raise money for pediatric cancer research. Over the three week period between April 21st and May 9th, they will visit almost fifty schools in the area to raise awareness of kids dealing with cancer, and to help young people who are struggling with the disease.

Although the ultimate goal is somber, the battle against cancer took on a very upbeat nature during Monday's assembly. Along with a variety of goofy antics and fun competitions, students had a chance to "pie" their teachers, and watch while local policeman Dave Robertson had his head shaved.

Minden was an especially meaningful stopover for Pedal for Hope team member Sergeant Mark Elliot as his special friend Dawson Hamilton was there to meet him. Eight-year old Dawson, an ASES student, has been battling cancer for the past three and a half years and is being treated in Toronto. He made the trip home to Minden for the occasion and to meet up with his buddy Mark. This is the second year that Mark Elliot has ridden for Dawson, and the bond between them was obvious during the assembly.

As the team rode off to their next rally, it was evident from the chatter in the halls that the message had lingered ... the kids decided to extend their fundraising for an additional week.

Anyone who would like more information on the Pedal for Hope Campaign can meet the team at Lakefield Lions Club on Saturday May 3rd between 1am and 3 pm, or visit their web site at <http://www.pedalforhope.com/index.htm>. ■



Photos By: Lyn Winans

Minden Council Approves Junior A Hockey Franchise

Greater Metro Jr A Hockey League is Coming to Town

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

If you've never heard of the Bradford Rattlers or the Elliot Lake Bobcats, it's okay.

Ditto if you don't know fiddly about the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL).

You'll have plenty of time to get to know all about them between now and Labour Day weekend.

That's when Minden's GMHL Junior A hockey franchise will don crisp new uniforms and rev up their training camp in preparation for their inaugural GMHL season.

Last week Minden Council approved a proposal for a GMHL hockey franchise in Minden. (The GMHL Board of Governors

approved the franchise bid on Monday) The team will play a 26-week schedule and will use Minden Arena for mid-week practices, weekend games and playoffs if necessary. Council approved the franchise bid based on recommendations in a report prepared by Director of Community Services, Rick Cox.

Included in the decision, is a commitment for reduced ice rates which Cox allowed was standard operating procedure in negotiations of this type.

In the report, Cox wrote that, "It is standard practice for most municipalities to provide some accommodations around ice time pricing for this kind of client." He added that much of the Junior A team's ice time requests occur in windows where there is currently little demand for ice rental. Cox allowed that peak ice time rates would be charged for practices held on weekends and evenings.

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Pritchard House.....Standing in the Balance

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The fate of Pritchard House in Minden Hills is looking very bleak indeed. Last Thursday the Minden Hills Council received a report from their Environmental & Property Operations Manager, Bob Romberg that recommends nothing less than demolition.

On March 13th the Pritchard House Preservation Society made a pitch to Council to save the building from demolition. A host of residents have expressed interest in seeing this gracious old building rehabilitated and were in attendance at the meeting. When the Preservation Society gave their proposal to Council to take over the building's upgrade and management, Council asked Romberg to research the feasibility of their suggestions.

Romberg's report is short and concise. Without presenting any hard facts or numbers, it simply negates the suggestions made by the Preservation Society. In the report Romberg says, "It is my opinion there is no benefit to the Municipality to continue to pursue any agreements with any organization for the use of this building." Demolition appears to be his bottom line.

Romberg suggests that the Pritchard family no longer have any interest in seeing the building saved. However, according to Sharon Luke who is one of the driving forces behind the Preservation Society, the family simply accepted what they thought was the inevitability of demolition. In fact, according to Luke, the Pritchard family has since recanted their position and, in a letter to the Editor of the Minden Times, voiced their desire to see their old home saved.

Reeve Jim McMahon and Councillor Lisa Schell were both absent from the meeting last Thursday. To their credit the remaining members of Council deferred any decision on the matter until all of them could be present. Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said, "This is a very important issue and I feel that all of Council must be present." Murdoch spoke of the need to have an open discussion about the fate of Pritchard House, adding that there are a lot of community members out there waiting for a decision.

Councillor Peter Oyler commented that the Municipality doesn't actually have a definite plan for the Pritchard House, or the property at 2 Prince Street adjacent to it, which has recently been acquired. Oyler referred to an outstanding report on the playground behind the municipal building. He said, "It might make our decision easier if we have the report on where the playground should go." Oyler said the Council must have this report before further debate can take place on the Pritchard House property as there are a number of implications.

Rick Cox, Director of Community Services, said he would prepare a playground report with recommendations and the cost to update playground equipment. Cox, who has travel responsibilities, asked for four weeks to prepare his report. Murdoch advised Cox that the report should be well thought

out and as detailed as possible, adding that everyone would have input into "what is to go down". It is anticipated that the report will include input from both Romberg and Cox as the original report initiated with Romberg.

If Pritchard House is to remain standing no one can lose sight of the fact that \$100,000 or more must be spent on the building no later than 2010. There have been no repairs or improvements to the building for at least 10 years and as a municipal building it must be made totally accessible and barrier free. The municipality is mandated to meet all Building Code standards which include wheelchair access to both floors and barrier free washrooms.

Romberg's recommendations will no doubt have come as a blow to the Pritchard House Preservation Society. Discussions with Sharon Luke indicated that the Society are aware of Romberg's report and have a copy of it. Luke says

The Decision puts Council between a Rock and a Hard Place

that as a result, the Society held a strategy session on Monday night. They will be submitting a request for a meeting with Romberg in the very near future.

Luke says she believes there is a plan already in place for the Municipality to develop the entire block they are on. If that is the case it would appear that the Council has simply been paying lip service to the Preservation Society and they already know what path they will likely take.

No matter what happens, the decision puts Council between a rock and a hard place. It's their responsibility to ensure that the Municipality has sufficient land to house their administration buildings and various other facilities at the least cost to the taxpayers. At the same time, they are tasked with supporting the arts as well as community heritage initiatives like this one.

We'll learn more on May 29th if not sooner so stay tuned

Popular Haliburton Businessman Dies Suddenly Friends, Family Bid Farewell to the "Drain Surgeon"

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Friends, family, clients and acquaintances weren't quite sure how to greet the news of Grant Slote's sudden passing. The popular contractor and owner of T.S. Slote and Son Plumbing in Haliburton was a buoyant soul with an infectious smile and a refreshingly cavalier take on life. The news of his abrupt departure was generally greeted with stunned disbelief. Slote has been a solid presence in the community since moving to Haliburton in 1988.

A passing motorist noticed Slote's trademark orange van overturned in the ditch on Haliburton Lake Road last Thursday afternoon.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment were immediately called to the scene. Slote was found unconscious behind the wheel of the van and EMS attendants were dispatched.

Slote was subsequently transferred by EMS to a waiting air ambulance. Efforts to revive him proved unsuccessful. Slote, 63, was pronounced dead at the scene.

A post mortem was performed in Lindsay and although results were not available at press time, it's generally acknowledged that Slote died of natural causes.

Slote was married to Maureen O'Hara who is the Executive Director of Community Living here in Haliburton. Their daughter Michelle is a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. His devoted sister Sandy is a well-known Haliburton artist.

Visitation was last Monday evening at the

Haliburton Community Funeral Home. The line of mourners started at seven pm and didn't end until they closed the doors at nine.

The turnout was testament to Slote's popularity.

Anyone who met him liked him.

Those that knew him, loved him.

Those who loved him will miss him.

They will however take solace in the smile, the nudge and the wink that Grant Slote brought to every new day.

Fittingly, the memorial notices were printed on bright orange paper. Both Maureen and Michelle told friends and family that Tuesday's Memorial Service would be a celebration and a salute to life. Family members wore orange or had an orange ribbon attached close to their hearts. The Chapel was filled.

Slote was born in Windsor and the T.S. Slote and Son sign on the side of the bright orange van was there in honor of Grant's grandfather Thomas

and his father Jack who ran a plumbing business in Windsor. (Both Jack and Tom are deceased and I still remember the wry smile on Grant's face as he went into a rather long and unfathomable explanation when I questioned him about the origin of the T.S. Slote and Son banner... suffice to say that the rambling dissertation bore absolutely no semblance to reality... and the Cheshire grin led me to believe that I was being had. And as of Tuesday I can now confirm... hook, line and sinker.)

Maureen's sister, Anne Creelman presided at the service and handled the demanding task with characteristic aplomb. Family members at Maureen's request took turns telling "Grant stories."

The stories epitomized the man. But it was left to Maureen to tell perhaps the most poignant "Grant story."

She recalled the day when after a power outage, Grant received a call from an elderly female client. The power outage had shut down her water supply and it had not been restored even after the electricity returned. She asked Grant if he could come out.

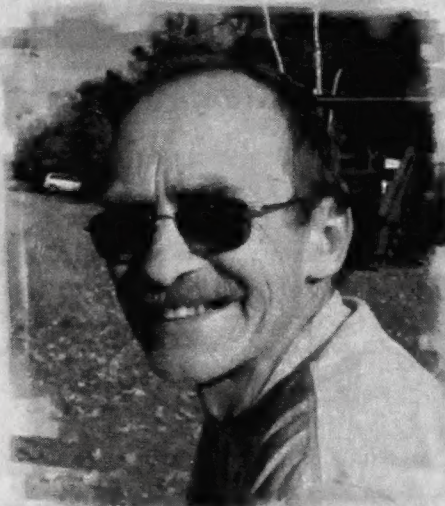
Maureen related how her patient husband and best friend good-naturedly walked his apprehensive client through the process of restoring the water pump to working order. She was uneasy at first, Maureen explained, but Grant gently cajoled and with a little coaxing the elderly client was able to set things right.

The next time the power went out, the phone rang again. Maureen passed the phone to Grant. It was the same intrepid lady, phoning to tell her plumber that, this time, she had fixed the problem herself.

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FRIDAY



Breezy and milder with rain likely
▲ 18° ▼ 7°

SATURDAY



Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms
▲ 18° ▼ 11°

SUNDAY



Cloudy and a bit cooler
▲ 16° ▼ 6°

MONDAY



Cloudy with a few showers
▲ 17° ▼ 6°

TUESDAY



Cloudy and cooler with a few showers
▲ 13° ▼ 4°

WEDNESDAY



Chilly with rain likely
▲ 6° ▼ -3°

AROUND THE REGION: Wet weather will be experienced on Thursday as skies will be cloudy with a few showers likely. Highs will be near 10 degrees. The wet weather will continue into the weekend with rainy and breezy conditions on Friday and a chance of showers and thunderstorms on Saturday. Highs will be in the mid- to upper teens.

Your Unofficial Lotto Numbers



April 26, 2008
01 02 18 38 42 45
Bonus Number 30
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05 15 23 28 31 33 42
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City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	12/-2/sh	18/7/sh	18/11/ts	16/6/cl	17/6/cl	13/4/cl	6/-3/sh
Barrie	12/-2/sh	18/8/sh	19/11/ts	16/7/pc	19/7/cl	13/6/dz	6/-2/sh
Dorset	12/-2/sh	17/7/sh	18/11/ts	15/6/cl	17/5/cl	13/4/cl	6/-4/sh
Haliburton	12/-2/sh	18/7/sh	18/11/ts	16/6/cl	17/6/cl	13/4/cl	6/-3/sh
Huntsville	12/-2/sh	17/7/sh	18/11/ts	15/6/cl	17/5/cl	13/4/cl	5/-4/sh
Kinston	12/0/sh	19/9/sh	20/12/ts	17/8/pc	20/8/cl	15/7/cl	7/0/sh
Lindsay	12/-1/sh	18/8/sh	19/12/ts	16/7/pc	19/7/cl	14/6/cl	6/-2/sh
Minden	12/-2/sh	18/7/sh	18/11/ts	16/6/cl	17/6/cl	13/4/cl	6/-3/sh
Oshawa	13/1/sh	19/9/sh	20/12/ts	17/8/pc	20/8/cl	15/7/cl	7/0/sh
Ottawa	10/1/cl	17/7/sh	21/12/sh	17/6/cl	19/8/cl	17/5/dz	7/0/sh
Toronto	14/2/sh	21/11/sh	21/12/ts	17/9/pc	21/9/cl	15/7/dz	7/1/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	11/5/pc	15/-1/pc	15/3/pc	11/3/sh	16/4/sh	14/3/sh	6/0/cl
Edmonton	9/1/su	16/1/pc	16/5/cl	16/7/ra	17/6/sh	16/3/sh	7/-4/sh
Fredericton	9/1/pc	8/2/cl	17/5/pc	17/7/sh	16/7/sh	16/6/pc	10/1/sh
Halifax	9/3/pc	11/2/cl	13/5/pc	12/3/sh	14/4/sh	13/6/cl	9/4/cl
Montreal	9/2/pc	17/7/sh	20/11/sh	17/7/cl	21/8/cl	18/6/cl	7/2/sh
Regina	11/1/pc	12/3/su	19/7/pc	18/3/pc	16/6/pc	19/2/pc	8/-4/pc
St. John's	14/7/sh	13/5/sh	12/6/su	2/2/pc	2/2/cl	4/2/pc	6/3/cl
Saskatoon	11/1/su	12/2/pc	18/4/pc	18/3/pc	16/4/pc	17/5/pc	7/-6/cl
Vancouver	13/8/pc	11/7/ra	12/7/sh	15/6/cl	18/6/mx	15/8/cl	13/7/sh
Whitehorse	9/-1/cl	11/1/cl	9/1/cl	8/-1/sf	9/-1/sf	4/-2/sf	2/-8/cl
Winnipeg	8/-2/su	7/-2/cl	8/-3/cl	14/2/pc	11/5/pc	15/1/su	9/-3/pc

AREA ALMANAC

Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday 4/29	6°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Monday 4/28	8°C	1°C	22.4 mm
Sunday 4/27	17°C	-1°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 4/26	na	na	na
Friday 4/25	18°C	3°C	6.1 mm
Thursday 4/24	22°C	-1°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 4/23	21°C	7°C	0.3 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu. 4/29	6:03 a.m./8:20 p.m.	3:55 a.m./3:51 p.m.
Fri. 4/30	6:01 a.m./8:22 p.m.	4:14 a.m./5:08 p.m.
Sat. 5/1	6:00 a.m./8:23 p.m.	4:36 a.m./6:28 p.m.
Sun. 5/2	5:58 a.m./8:24 p.m.	5:00 a.m./7:53 p.m.
Mon. 5/3	5:57 a.m./8:25 p.m.	5:30 a.m./9:19 p.m.
Tues. 5/4	5:56 a.m./8:27 p.m.	6:10 a.m./10:42 p.m.
Wed. 5/5	5:54 a.m./8:28 p.m.	7:01 a.m./11:54 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
May 5	May 11	May 19	May 27



Moments in time

because of insanity, the Army considered him perfectly sane for wanting to avoid danger -- and wouldn't ground him.

On May 3, 1960, the musical comedy "The Fantasticks" opens in an off-Broadway playhouse in New York's Greenwich Village. It went on to become the world's longest-running musical, with 17,162 performances over 42 years.

On May 4, 1948, Norman Mailer's first novel, "The Naked and the Dead," is published. After leaving the Army in 1946, he wrote the best-seller while studying at the Sorbonne in Paris, basing it on his own military experiences.

On May 5, 1945, in Lakeview, Ore., six people are killed while attempting to drag a Japanese balloon out the woods. The explosive balloon was one of a handful of Japanese attacks against the continental United States, which were initially conducted by Japanese submarines and later by high-altitude balloons.

On May 6, 1937, the airship Hindenburg, pride of Nazi Germany, bursts into flames while attempting to moor at Lakehurst, N.J., probably after a spark ignited its hydrogen core. Rapidly falling 200 feet to the ground, the hull of the airship incinerated within seconds. ■

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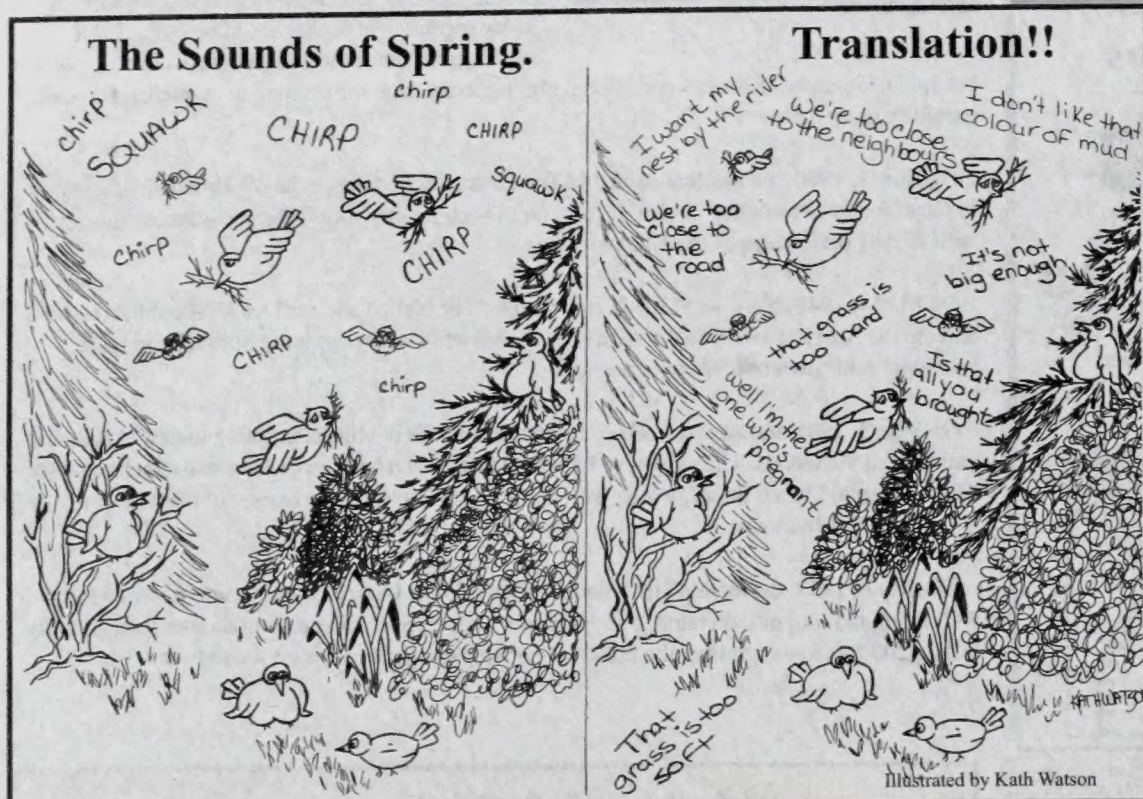
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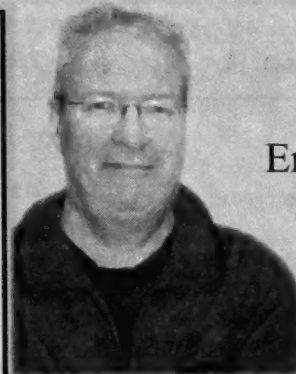


County Voice



EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Environmentalism, Politics, Religion, and Spirituality or, "What Would Jesus Drive?"

The state of our environment, and what to do about it, is the dominant question of our age. How we live on this earth, and how we treat it, creates headlines across the world each day. As journalists we're inundated daily with press releases from activist environmentalist groups from all parts of the political spectrum. This is the 14th issue of the Voice and every one has contained major features or news stories on some aspect of the debate. We've reported on garbage bags, landfills, septage, environmental assessments, green nuns, the green man, sustainable buildings and forests and of course, uranium.

As our addiction to fossil fuels starts to claim farmland for ethanol production, and food prices soar around the world, and gas prices shoot up weekly, anyone could be forgiven for having the occasional apocalyptic thought. And one result of this global concern is the fracturing of the environmental movement into thousands of different groups, sometimes with startlingly different agendas. In the last few weeks in Haliburton we've seen how closely connected some of these groups are to religion. The American nun and activist Sister Miriam MacGillis recently spent three days here outlining a radical vision of our relationship to God and the Earth: as the Voice reported last week, MacGillis sees the threats to our environment as larger than the church or Christianity itself.

The Reverend Jim Ball, founder of the Evangelical Environmental Network in the U.S., got a lot of ink a few years back with his "What Would Jesus Drive?" campaign in favour of hybrid cars. The Dalai Lama injects a note about the health of the planet into almost every public appearance.

Environmentalists are also ideologically all over the map. Here in Canada the current Liberal Party leader, Mr. Stephane Dion, tied his winning leadership campaign tightly to his "green" image. Paul Watson, ex Greenpeace director, ex Sierra Club director, and currently head of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, is a proponent of so-called "deep environmentalism". He recently described the deaths of four sealers in the Gulf of St. Lawrence as being a lesser tragedy than the deaths of the seals they were hunting. Many leftists have been opposed to serious environmental change which they fear will threaten jobs: the right has traditionally favoured business interests over environmental concerns, although less ardently of late.

It's inevitable that an issue as central to our very existence produces conflicting forces competing to take ownership. Alice Miller, a prominent local environmentalist comments that, "when we continue to dump sewage and chemicals into our drinking water, surely it speaks to a complete lack of a spiritual life – destroying the house we live in means we have no connection to anything. The solutions lie in science and the spirit coming together: and it has to mean a fundamental change within ourselves."

The Voice will continue to attempt to sort out the different strains of science and belief that make up this story. For sure, it's not going to go away any decade soon. ■

Goodnight, Sweet Slote

Terrance Gavan has written an excellent obituary of Grant Slote elsewhere in this issue, but this column needs to add our two cents worth. In addition to his sharp wit, twinkling eyes and legendary kindness, Grant was a brilliant and innovative plumber who devised solutions to seemingly impossible problems with grace and ease. He was a born teacher with a deeply creative imagination. Grant was one of the most intelligent men I've ever met. His friendship, shared by so many, was a greatly valued gift: our entire Haliburton community is diminished by his loss. ■

Food Banks: "Why Has This Need Arisen?"

Dear Editor:

Page two details county council wrestling with establishment of a food bank in Highlands East.

This got me thinking.

Food banks are a growth industry in Canada.

Now, I am old enough to remember when no one had ever heard of a food bank.

Why has this need arisen?

Lets get back to basics.

Letter of the Week

Canada as a country is blessed with unimaginable natural wealth.

We have everything in this country in abundance, except possibly bananas.

I assume that this natural wealth is owned by all Canadians, and our politicians, both federally and provincially are charged with the responsibility of administering this for the benefit of all.

Our political masters tell us that the Free Trade Pact with the USA and Mexico (NAFTA) has brought us great prosperity. This is true for the corporate sector.

Our oil companies, mining companies, banks and most other corporations are reaping unconscionable profits.

CEOs get compensated in the tens of millions, while wages and pensions have to be restrained and jobs are exported to low wage countries.

Somewhat all this prosperity is not reaching the average Joe.

Why do our county councils have to wrestle with problems that they have no power or means to solve?

Local governments' only source of revenue is the property tax.

They have no regulatory or legislative power other than local by-laws.

Federal and provincial governments control all other tax areas and regulatory tools.

Could it be possible that the senior governments have lost sight of who they are supposed to be working for?

Just wondering.

Karl Braeker

Norland, ON

A senior, who is wondering how to pay next winter's heating bill. ■

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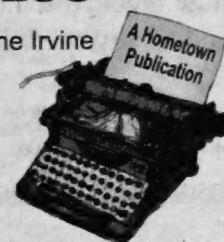
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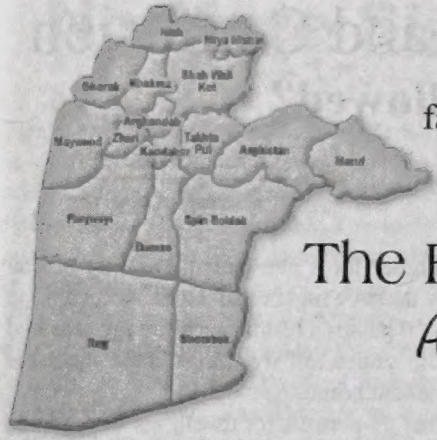


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"These last, few emotion-filled steps are always the hardest as family and friends are left behind and we fly off to war."

The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

The Final Steps...

After nine months of training, members of Joint Task Force Afghanistan Headquarters are now in the final stages of deployment preparations. This is where an individual who is getting ready for deployment, switches focus from the military centric to the family centric focus. With five days of embarkation leave prior to deployment everyone is trying to get their personal affairs in order.

So how do you prepare for a ten month deployment? First off is the detailed walk around the house, doing all those little maintenance items that need to be done. Not just a spring cleaning, but also setting the stage to get the place ready for winter next fall. Grass and gardens need sorting out, the lawns need fertilizer, the snow blower has to be put into storage and made ready for next fall, to mention just a few essential tasks. I think that it is one of Murphy's laws which direct that if something is going to break – it will two weeks after you have deployed. The trick here is to fix almost everything which may possibly break down while you are gone.

The next stage is to explain to your four-year-old daughter that you are going away for a long period of time. Her concerns are what will happen for her birthday and what about Christmas? I assure her that I will try to be home for her birthday, but I will not be home for Christmas. Her response was that we can have a party for her birthday and that she will tell Santa where I am so he can deliver my presents. How do you respond to that? When I showed her where I will be on the globe and put it in relation to where we live, she replies, "Wow that is far away". In preparation for the deployment, we have taught her to use a video chat system on the computer. This is truly one of the wonders of the computer age which makes it much easier to stay in contact with your family when you are deployed.

As for my wife, she has gone through his process before, she knows the drill. The week before deployment is always filled with far too many things to possibly fit in. Lifestyle in the house becomes hectic at best as she slowly transitions to being responsible for all aspects of the family: banking, maintenance, vehicles, dealing with a four year old and a 100lb dog on her own. I think sometimes that the military spouses that stay home while we deploy should be given a medal as not only are they dealing with the day to day events back here in Canada (essentially as a single parent), but also must go through the additional stress of hearing on the news of Canadian soldiers being killed or wounded, and then waiting and hoping that it is not their spouse.

With final preparations made and equipment packed, there is not much more that can be done. In a few days, I will leave my happy home and embark on a Canadian Forces aircraft bound for Kandahar. Despite years of training and having deployed on other operations, those last few, emotion filled steps are always the hardest as family and friends are left behind and we fly off to war. ■

Letters to the Editor Cont'd...

Dear Editor:

"The Gas Gauge Dictated a Transfusion!"

A popular topic of conversation around the bridge table is the fluctuating price of gasoline.

I travelled to Peterborough the other day to see a doctor, and while in town the gas gauge dictated a transfusion. It was a shock to see the posted price per litre, and to pay the bill at \$1.19.9, so I needed something to calm my nerves.

A coffee seemed in order, and it did help, but guess what, Tim's new price for a small cup was \$1.20!

Bruce Armstrong
Haliburton.

P.S. I enjoy reading the County Voice. ■

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Agreeing to Disagree

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Will the use of Blackberries be beneficial to the County's managerial staff? That was one of the questions posed by Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey during budget discussions earlier this month. The County's CAO Jim Wilson was asked why so many Blackberries had been purchased when they had not been included in the budget. Wilson provided County Council with some background and rationalization for their use last week and even though Council accepted Wilson's report, Fearrey and Wilson were not in agreement.

There appear to be 12 Blackberries in use by County personnel on two different payment plans. In Wilson's report to Council the background comments suggest that they were authorized in an effort to provide improved communication linkages. Blackberries have been issued to all County Department Heads, the EMS Operations Manager, the EMS Quality Assurance Manager as well as the IT and Tourism Coordinators who both travel a lot.

According to Wilson the devices provide immediate access to the Managers when they're conducting business out of the office, during the weekends or other times when the office is closed, when they are required to respond to an emergency or if they need emergency assistance when they are traveling. Wilson reported that the Blackberries allow for greater productivity and efficient use of time. They also maintain key contact information and the same calendar history that is on each manager's desktop computer.

Wilson provided Council with copies of an article on 'mobile computing' from *Computer Weekly* which touts the use of Blackberries saying there are clear business gains from the use of Blackberry mobile technology. The article suggests that a typical user can recover almost an hour each day through the use of these devices. And while there is likely no doubt that they can streamline anyone's business day, the article resulted from a study undertaken by Research in Motion, the company that developed the Blackberry.

Fearrey said that he appreciated the work done by Wilson, but added that he was afraid he was still not convinced of their necessity. Fearrey said "payables will be \$54,000 to Bell Canada which is a lot for a County of our size." Fearrey raised questions about the need for four different Bell accounts as well as AT&T and Rogers' accounts, which to some extent were due to different types of phones and the requirements of emergency services.

Fearrey said he appreciated that the County had an elaborate road and EMS system, but he still felt there was some overkill. He questioned whether the County Council should be asking staff who are normally required to work daily desk jobs to be subject to being available every weekend. Fearrey agreed that Blackberries are designed for people like the CAO, but said "for others, it is over the top." Referring to the \$27,000 required for the 36 month commitment to use the devices, Fearrey said "it would have been nice to know we were doing this in advance." And that seems to be the crux of Fearrey's argument. The purchase was made without prior approval of County Council.

Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis came to Fearrey's defense, saying that since the story originally broke a lot of people have said, "Is that one of the Blackberries we're paying for?" Davis agreed that the purchase should have been brought forward to Council before it was made. Davis said, "I want to make it clear that the one I have is my own and the County is not paying for it."

Warden Eleanor Harrison said that as the Reeve of Algonquin Highlands she has a Blackberry and finds it extremely beneficial. Harrison said that she had initially come kicking and screaming into the 21st century saying, "At the time I didn't want to be a 24/7 Reeve. Now she says she finds responses can be quick and overall she supports their use. Harrison did agree that Council should have known about the purchase in advance, but asked "When does it become micro management?"

Wilson repeated his position that the use of Blackberries provided good management of time and resources. Fearrey questioned who would monitor personal use of the devices and whether they would be considered a taxable benefit.

Fearrey's concerns are not unfounded. Misuse of the internet and long distance privileges in government and corporate environs are common and have resulted in a number of checks and balances. Employees at all levels of responsibility within the work force have admitted during surveys and studies to shopping online, receiving personal e-mails and calls, game playing and simply surfing the net which all result in a net loss to their employer.

The CEO of DDB Canada, a highly acclaimed and internationally recognized marketing and communications agency in Canada has been quoted as saying, "While these devices are considered time-savers, they're also extremely intrusive," and "Using a PDA during a meeting is completely unacceptable, disrespectful and hinders the progress of a meeting."

At the end of the day Fearrey was the lone nay vote in accepting the CAO's report and justification for the acquisition of Blackberries. But Fearrey held his ground and said, "It's a matter of principle and I will agree to disagree." ■

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"What level of building construction do you want to allow in a general residential zone?"

Minden Hills Zoning Hiccup and Confusion No Seasonal Dwellings Allowed?

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Last week Ken Jones, Minden Hills Chief Building Official, pointed out a bit of a glitch in the Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. For some reason, the by-law doesn't specifically allow seasonal dwellings or cottages. According to Jones the problem is that building staff have continued to issue building permits for seasonal dwellings from force of habit without realizing the oversight.

Jones confirmed that he had discussed the matter with the Planning Coordinator Rick Hunter and Elinor Kernohan, Planning Administrator. The problem is simply that the previous zoning by-law allowed seasonal dwellings in residential zones and the existing one doesn't.

Jones asked Council if it had been their intention to specifically prohibit seasonal dwellings when the last zoning by-law was passed. If that was not the case, Jones said Council would have to consider passing a resolution allowing permits to be issued for seasonal dwellings in some or all of the residential zones (whichever they deemed acceptable).

In his memo to Council Jones explained that the Ontario Building Code differentiates between permanent and seasonal dwellings with lesser requirements for cottages. Jones says it is critical that the municipality know whether a proposed dwelling is permanent or seasonal. As well as other general requirements, a standard dwelling unit has to have food preparation and sanitary facilities both of which must be 'inside' the building.

Jones clarified to Council that seasonal did not necessarily mean summer. It simply means that the building is not lived in year round and as a result insulation and mechanical or ventilation requirements do not have to be met. Jones asked Council, "What level of building construction do you want to allow in a general residential zone?" He added that costs

are considerably higher for a permanent dwelling but on the other hand they do have higher standards. According to Jones, unless Council passes a resolution allowing seasonal dwellings in certain zones, all dwellings must meet the standard of a permanent home.

Jones reported that 53 permits for dwellings were issued over the past year, 33 of which were seasonal. A discussion ensued about which zones should allow seasonal dwellings and whether there were any negative impacts to allowing seasonal type construction. Jones confirmed that regardless of the type of dwelling it would still have to meet certain building code standards.

Questions were raised about how many of the 33 seasonal units were on the waterfront. Council also considered whether it was appropriate for them to impose higher construction costs on applicants.

Councillor Barb Reid would not agree to prohibiting the building of seasonal type dwellings and taking away from the true spirit of the cottages. Councillor Peter Oyler also said he didn't want to force a higher standard. He added that he would, however, like to explore exactly which zones seasonal dwellings would be allowed in. Oyler also suggested that Jones approach the ratepayers associations for their viewpoint. Councillor Bill Obee said he was not willing to make a decision until he knew how many seasonal dwellings had been permitted over the past three years, how they were built and to what standards.

Council deferred making a decision on the matter until Jones can provide more information. ■

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No Building Permit for These Homes

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

There are a number of homes being built on McCue Lake in the Hamlet of Tory Hill and no one's taken out a permit for any of them. And that's not the only problem. The residents of these homes are causing quite an uproar in the area. They've been building structures indiscriminately that are causing ever increasing flooding. And the builders? Beavers!

We can talk about this with tongue in cheek, but in actual fact the beavers really are causing a problem in the Tory Hill area. The Highlands East Council discussed the matter at their last meeting and on Tuesday they reviewed a letter included in their agenda package from residents who are extremely concerned about increasing high water levels caused by beaver dams. In their letter David Frewing and Paula Pepping say they've been monitoring the beaver dams at the end of the lake and the dams have reached heights of up to 8 feet in some locations.

Frewing and Pepping's home is considered to be a historical building, and was at one time a dance hall: it's located on Highway 118 close to the Tory Hill corner. The couple is concerned that if no action is taken, their home that they've worked so hard to improve could soon be a boat house with water access only. As they say in their letter to Council, "We may just see our hard work float away into the lake."

Frewing and Pepping also point out that existing trails in the area that are used in all seasons for snowmobiling, ATV's, hiking and cycling will also soon become impassable. According to the couple, the site of the old gas station and store on the Tory Hill corner (now used for postal boxes) is under threat of flooding as well and contamination from the old station could spread throughout the area.

Area residents and artisans have been working very hard to put the tiny village back on the map as a viable community and are therefore greatly concerned about a possible flood.

Pepping, who attended the Council meeting said that she had heard stories from old timers in the area who would simply put on their rubber boots at night and go out and shoot the beavers. Fortunately (or unfortunately depending on how you look at it) this sort of action can no longer be taken. The removal of beaver dams is now highly controlled and regulated. No action can be taken without contacting local Conservation Authorities.

Pepping said "Their (beaver) homes are now like condos and water is seriously encroaching at the back of the lake." She also said, "If the dam bursts our home will be like a houseboat!" The couple asked the Municipality to take action on their behalf.

According to Municipal Clerk Irene Cook correspondence was sent to the MNR immediately following the Council meeting on April 8th. As no response has been received, Council directed Cook to follow up with the MNR. ■



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No More Signs on County Roads

There won't be any new real estate billboards on County roads this year. Or any other billboards for that matter. Last week County Council placed an immediate moratorium on any further billboard signage on County roads. This followed on the heels of a number of concerns being raised during the County Council's last round of committee meetings. Sign pollution has recently been a hot topic in a number of the municipalities as well.

The County already has a by-law that regulates the placement of signage on County road rights of way or any land abutting a County Road. Doug Ray, Director of Public Works for the County said the County roads are getting inundated with signs particularly given the extremely competitive nature of some businesses. According to Ray, the County is getting more and more advertising requests and the space is becoming more and more limited.

In his report to Council, Ray said his department is concerned that the remaining space available may become monopolized by one business sector like the real estate industry that is trying to gain a higher level of visibility to the traveling public. In

addition to this, according to Ray, private advertising companies are securing spaces along the County road allowance and then renting out those spaces at a much higher premium than the County currently charges.

Ray says that more review is needed to decide how the County should proceed. He wants to ensure that a fair and equitable system is in place that will allow space to everyone. The County can't stop signs being placed on private property, but they need to decide if they're going to rent space out from here on in. He suggested conducting a full review and coming back to Council with an updated policy or revised by-law.

Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis said he had no problems with a sign by-law. Davis did however express his frustration with the lack of enforcement. Davis said each year he has to call the County offices to have illegal signs picked up. "If you're going to have rules in place you have to have enforcement," he said. According to Davis there should be a better system in place to ensure illegal or outdated signs are removed on a regular basis. Ray responded that the crews will do sign blitzes periodically,

If you're going to have rules in place you have to have enforcement" (Bill Davis)

but it is not cost effective to have them travel out to pick up one or two signs.

Davis disagreed, saying, "It should be simple to throw a sign in the back of the truck and be done with it." Ray said it could work that way, but staff members often have equipment and tools in the back of the trucks as they work on various projects. Ray said he appreciated the calls about illegal signs because his staff can maintain a list of them and set up routes to pick the signs up during one of their blitzes.

Warden Eleanor Harrison said the County receives letters regularly about sign pollution. She also said the County is getting a reputation for this. Harrison said that not long ago MTO had also placed a moratorium on signs and now some of the municipalities can't even get their own signs up. Harrison said, "Algonquin Highlands couldn't even get a sign indicating the location of our Municipal Office and still can't."

Despite the moratorium, some time in the near future there will be eight new Municipal Boundary signs installed on the highway system. Ray reported that earlier discussions with MTO to get new boundary signs in place had fallen through the cracks. He also said, "The existing boundary signs look like they're from the 1940's." New signs with updated populations need to be put in place.

In the spring of 2005 Council directed staff to approach the Ministry of Transport for signage that would demark the intersection of Municipal boundaries and the Provincial highways. This was done in the belief that Council needed to project a warmer, friendlier welcome to travelers through the County.

Harrison commented that without the boundary signs it makes it difficult for people trying to find their way through the County. Council agreed that staff should re-initiate discussions with MTO for the new signs. ■

County Waste Management Update

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Coordinated landfill signs will be one of the next County acquisitions. County COA Jim Wilson reported that staff will now proceed to get quotations for new signs at all the landfills in the municipality.

Wilson and Warden Eleanor Harrison made a presentation to the Haliburton County Development Corporation seeking funding under the Community Capacity Building Component of the Eastern Ontario Development Program. The funds, which have not yet been confirmed, are for the supply and installation of the new landfill signs and to cover the cost of printing a recycling guide to be distributed to all County residents.

Harrison reported that all the signs would look the same. The only differences will be in the hours of operation for each Municipality and any variation in charges. Harrison also said that the signs will be prepared in a way that changes could easily be made at a later date. She said that eventually charges would be the same at all the landfills, but comments were heard that suggested this might not be the case.

Wilson advised Council that the format for the signs would be standard, most predominantly in background color. The only differences would be the Certificate of Approval numbers, emergency number, the name of the Municipality and the rates. Wilson said there would be a standard listing of materials to be accepted, adding that the signs would have vinyl peel-off lettering for ease in making changes.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton suggested that the signs should include some cautions about bears. Burton said, "Bears are a real concern in Highlands East." In response Wilson said that the County could take a look at this, but that each municipality might want to deal with the issue of bears themselves and post appropriate signage.

Harrison suggested that there may be money available for signage through the Bear Wise Program. She commented that it was unfortunate that the traveling public seem to feel they've

come to a zoo. She also voiced concern about the unsafe actions of the public, particularly in allowing their children to get too close to the bears at the landfills.

Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie said "So we'll be the first County in the Province to have colour coordinated dumps." Wilson responded that the Committee had felt it appropriate to have standardized signage.

Mackie then said that he felt the bears were MNR's responsibility and agreed that the best bet would be to handle concerns about bears through the Bear Wise Program.

During the meeting, Wilson also confirmed that the County will be investigating the provision of a shredder. He said the intention is to issue a tender that allows for charge-backs for shredding services to each municipality. Wilson also suggested that the contractor could invoice each municipality directly. ■

"We'll be the first County in the Province to have colour coordinated dumps." (Jim Mackie)

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Greeting Our Gold-Medalists One-On-One With Cody, Matt and Pat Quinn at the Airport!

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Traveling three hours to greet gold-medal winners Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson of Team Canada gave me a huge adrenaline rush. Being fortunate enough to meet the team as well as their head coach (and former Leafs coach) Pat Quinn, left me with a few great "Kodak moments" that I won't soon forget.

After finding out about my mission a day before the arrival of the flight last Friday, I had little time to prepare. Luckily, I didn't have to go it alone. Along with me to lend a hand as photographer and chauffeur for the day was The Voice's own Joel Potter.

To ensure a speedy arrival, we brought with us a handy technological device referred to as a Global Positioning System (GPS). Was it ever helpful: keeping us entertained with its robotic voice, guiding us through each bend, turn and ramp on the road ahead.

We made it to the airport with plenty of time to spare. But that's a good thing, because with the soaring gas prices of today, we couldn't afford to go a couple of hundred kilometers without bringing back "the goods."

Our arrival at Pearson International was right around 6:13 - almost exactly bang-on what our GPS friend predicted. The flight was initially expected to land at 7:45, but we learned that its arrival time had been bumped up by almost half-an-hour.

After wandering around for a bit in search of Cody's and Matt's parents, I decided to ask a lady at one of the information centers if she knew which flight was supposed to be coming with the team and when. I found out that after leaving Russia, they made a stop and boarded a second plane in Frankfurt, Germany, which brought them to Toronto.

Joel and I paced around Terminal One as we anxiously awaited the winners of the gold medals. I continued to walk laps as I scoured the corridors for the first signs of the Duchene and Hodgson family members.

After about an hour of waiting, the billboard-size sign above the gates indicated that their flight had touched down. I felt relieved, only to realize that I'd have to wait an additional 45 minutes or so until the first person from the team would walk through those doors with an ear-to-ear grin. That first person was Pat Quinn, the veteran coach who guided the team to the top of the heap.

This was my opportunity to snag an interview with the Canadian hockey legend, with Joel grabbing the photo op. I quickly asked Quinn what he thought of "our boys" and each of their individual performances over the course of the tournament.

"They're two special guys. Cody was a great leader for us. He did a real nice job as the captain. He's skilled, he was our top scorer, and he just did a terrific job. He's a coach's dream," commented Quinn. "And 'Duch' (Duchene), boy, he's got some talent. He's gonna be a player I think. He's got spirit and lots of fire to him, and he's a pleasure to be around. They're two really nice young men."

It must feel good to receive praise like that from a man who's had a few lifetimes of experience in the world of professional hockey. When greeting Cody and Matt right after they walked through the sliding doors with their loads of luggage and of course, the shiny gold medals around their necks, I wasn't sure as to the sort of reception I'd receive.

This was my first time meeting with these two, young, elite athletes who are almost certain to be rich and famous within the next few years. Were they going to brag about themselves and the win while slamming down the rest of their fallen competitors by talking trash? To my delight, their manner was exactly the opposite.

Both were cool, calm and collected and showed not the slightest hint of arrogance as some famous, professional athletes out there often do. For their age, both are mature players who believe in the power of determination, hard work and dedication.

"It was an unbelievable experience. Something that I'll take with me for the rest of



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Pat Speaks Highly of Our Haliburton Boys

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my life," said Hodgson. "We came together as a team and everyone worked their hardest. It was just a great atmosphere to play in."

"It was unbelievable," said Duchene. "Everyone worked real hard and everyone put their egos aside and wanted what was best for the team and that's why we won. I had the time of my life."

Duchene added that the final game against Russia proved to be nothing but smooth sailing.

"Honestly it was our easiest game of the tournament, just because we were so ready for it and we wanted it so bad. Russia I think felt the pressure playing in front of their home crowd."

Duchene, a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), says that the support both he and Cody received was incredible.

"It's been unbelievable. We had a bunch of people from Haliburton send in emails and stuff to the team. They went up in our dressing room and I got a look at them before we went out for the game and after the game. Honest to God, the support from our hometown was unbelievable. I just loved it."

So how did the two celebrate the monumental win with their teammates?

"We hung out at the rink for a while and then we just hung out at the hotel and went for pizza after," answered Duchene.

And what will Hodgson and Duchene be doing over the next few months?

"I'll be coming to my cottage and I'll bike into town," said

Hodgson who makes the Highlands home each summer. "I'll shoot pucks with Matt and workout at the Millennium Lifestyles gym. Hopefully that'll take me into camp."

"I'll be training and possibly will be getting ready for another opportunity in August to play for Team Canada again," said Duchene.

In the Ontario Legislature on April 24 Laurie Scott M.P.P. for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock commended both players for their efforts.

"These are two very special members of the team who I am proud to say have learned to play the fastest game on ice in none other than Haliburton, Ontario." She goes on to state that "The success of these young men is rooted in the dedication of the parents, coaches and players of the Haliburton arena."

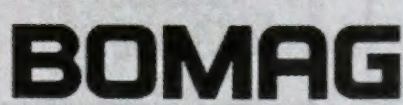
One thing's for sure; I couldn't have been more pleased with the day's turn of events. The long drive was well worth it. With Hodgson being eligible for the 2008 NHL draft, and Duchene eligible in 2009, I'm wishing nothing but the best for their long, prosperous road ahead. ■

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The report also stipulates that a private dressing room would be included in the package. He says that a storage area at the back of the arena could be converted for a total cost of \$25,000. He suggested that with attendant income from the new franchise, those renovation costs could be recovered within a three-year span. Cox said that if the franchise were to leave town, the revamped dressing room area could be used as a "small fitness facility or youth center."

Cox added that there would be attendant cost benefits accruing from snack bar and bar sales. "Based on the sales experience we saw during the games we hosted in February and March arising from the strike in the City of Kawartha Lakes, we conservatively estimate a net increase in profit from those operations directly associated with the games of \$10,000 per season."

Cox also mentioned a derivative windfall for restaurants and shops from the influx of visiting teams and spectators. "Aside from those spin-off economic benefits," wrote Cox, "there will be a direct contribution of \$400 per month per player billeted in our community. With a roster of around 20 players, most of whom come from out of town, this translates into \$36,000 in billeting fees per season."

Greater Metro League President, Bob Russell, is the new owner of the Minden franchise. He is co-owner with GMHL Vice-President Ken Girard. Russell says that Mike Jeschke, a Minden area hockey guru, has been asked to come on board as General Manager and Coach. According to Russell, this is a great opportunity for Minden and a perfect fit for the GMHL, which is quickly growing a reputation as the little engine that could. (Russell added that the Minden franchise will probably keep a roster of 26 players and not the 20 outlined in the Cox report.)

"We're very happy that Minden approved the bid and we think it's a great opportunity to bring junior hockey to Minden," says Russell. "We like small towns, because the people are really excited about junior hockey," he adds. Unlike fans from the Greater Toronto Area, who have a

plethora of options, small town franchises are not jaded by overexposure. There's something to be said for the big fish, small pond model.

Indeed, Russell says that the league's two strongest franchises in terms of fan support are the Temiscaming Royals and the Elliot Lake Bobcats. Russell likes that. "We're bringing Junior A to places and to fans who really appreciate the product," says Russell.

Russell brings some bona fides of his own to the table. He played for the Sudbury Wolves in Junior and then played for two seasons (1975-76 and 1976-77) with the Edmonton Oilers of the old World Hockey Association (WHA).

Russell started the GMHL partially in response to growing frustration with Hockey Canada and the attendant restrictions involved with the signing of players. The GMHL is not affiliated with Hockey Canada and is free to sign players from Canada and beyond without incurring the attendant costs currently mandated by Hockey Canada, the CHL and affiliated Jr. A leagues.

He says that each year, there are a plethora of Canadian, Scandinavian and Russian players who are looking at other avenues for advancement of their hockey careers. Scouts may have overlooked them or they may not want to become involved in release clauses and negotiations that earmark current player exchanges at the international and national level.

"We're in a great position because we are not affiliated with Hockey Canada," says Russell.

That means there are no restrictions in signing European or Russian players. The deep well of European talent is naturally intrigued by this opportunity to play in Canada and the result is an influx of some very talented foreign players, says Russell.

Russell says that the league is interested in nurturing their players and providing them with opportunities that might not be available to them otherwise. Russell and the GMHL offer another avenue for advancement and they are committed to offering their players exposure on a broad level. Players that might otherwise find themselves relegated to competitive house leagues can continue to play in a league that Russell says is dedicated to providing open avenues to US Colleges and Canadian Universities.

"We had 25 of our kids go down to US colleges after our first season," says Russell. He doesn't have the exact figures yet, but he says that even more will be heading down to Division I, II or III schools next fall. Some will also funnel to scholarships with Canadian Universities.

Russell says it's part of a plan envisioned when he first broached the subject of a new league.

"We play exhibition games against American Colleges for that reason," says Russell. "We want to give our kids exposure and we want them to succeed."

He says that a large number of American Division I and II scouts attend GMHL games on a regular basis. And last year, says Russell, there was a growing phalanx of OHL and NHL scouts in attendance as well. The league all-stars played an exhibition contest against a visiting Russian team last season, offering yet more exposure for a league that in

the short space of two years has made a dent in the psyche of Ontario's closed-shop hockey hierarchy. Russell says that last year the major junior ranks sent 12 players to the GMHL for seasoning and that bears testament to the respect this league has garnered in their short tenure.

But don't call Bob Russell a rebel. He's just a guy that noticed some inconsistencies and decided to address them. The idea to start the new league was borne out of frustration with Hockey Canada's philosophy and bureaucracy.

"I used to own the Thornhill Panthers and what I found over the years was that there are too many restrictions in junior hockey," says Russell. He's not the first and he won't be the last owner to express dissatisfaction with the Hockey Canada hierarchy. His unique response, however, does merit some kudos. It's no small assignment, starting a hockey league on a whim and a prayer.

The league started in 2006-07 with seven teams. Last year they brought their roster complement to 13. At this point, the Board of Governors has approved the addition of three new franchises, including Minden.

"We will be looking at other submissions at our Board of Governor's meeting in June," says Russell. "We have 11 other teams that want in."

He says that a growing number of existing Jr. A and Jr. B franchises have expressed an interest in moving over to the GMHL, but Russell says that the league is really more interested in bringing franchises to towns and places that don't currently have access to Junior A product.

Age restrictions in the GMHL coincide with major junior rules, but there is no allowance made for overage players. Also, if a team signs a 16-year-old they must dress him for all of the games (barring injury), says Russell.

He allows that a local talent base is a pretty important ingredient in the success of any franchise, but especially relevant in the case of incoming teams with small catchment populations.

"We would obviously like to sign as many local kids as possible," says Russell. He says they could logically expect a complement of three or four local players, but adds that there are never any guarantees. He is confident that the product will sell itself.

He's excited about the opportunity and is convinced that Minden will support the fledgling franchise. "From what I hear, Minden is a strong hockey town and there is a lot of interest there," says Russell.

The team will be paying for the new signage at the entrance to the Arena and will also be paying for the installation of the center ice logo.

He adds that they will be working on a promotion, in conjunction with the Town of Minden, for a team name.

Russell says that training camp will open in or around the Labour Day Weekend and that the regular season will begin on September 13, 2008.

He adds that he will be attending the next meeting of Minden Council on May 8 to apprise Council of their schedule and future plans.

Further info re the GMHL can be obtained via the website located at <http://www.gmhl.net> ■



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Wilberforce Resident Turns 98 Years Young

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Edward (Ted) Deterling said, "I didn't expect to live this long. When I was 24 I was given one day to live." Deterling, who was dying of tuberculosis at the time, must have taken a turn for the better because he turned 98 on Sunday, April 27th and looks like he's still going strong.

Deterling says he feels pretty good. "Oh, I've had various surgeries and a number of broken bones over the years, but I think I'm still about 95 percent here." Like another senior I spoke to last month who is just a year younger than Deterling, he says that maintaining a good attitude just might be the key to good health. He says, "Being grumpy will kill you faster than anything."

Deterling's grandfather immigrated to Canada from Germany in 1840. He and his brother had to choose to leave Germany or be faced with compulsory military training and restrictions on their freedom to worship. They settled in the Niagara Peninsula.

Ted was born in 1910 in Norfolk County in tobacco country. He remembers his early days in school when even at the age of five he suffered cruel treatment from other children because of his German heritage. Despite those hardships caused by the enmity created by World War I, Ted still has many warm memories of his early school years.

Ted's father was a blacksmith and had his own shop. The family lived in "Little Buffalo" and attended church services regularly. Ted says that at the age of 7, while attending a revival, he decided to be a Christian, something that has brought him much peace and joy throughout his life.

During the last years of WWI, Ted remembers the Spanish Influenza sweeping through Ontario with the return of the soldiers. Although he escaped the deadly virus all of his family was sick and the illness had a lasting effect on his father who never regained his strength.

Because his father's health was failing, the family moved to Port Colbourne to his grandfather's farm. From then on farming became the greatest focus for the family. They had a large orchard and sold fruits and vegetables as well as meat. Just before his father's death the family moved to their own farm. Times were tough and Ted was called on more and more to help with the farm chores and he says his schooling suffered for it. His father died in the fall of 1924. At the age of 14 Ted became the man of the family, shouldering the responsibility of keeping the farm going.

In 1926 the family needed better transportation and with the help of his grandfather, they bought a brand new Model T Ford for \$525. Ted says the car was a great source of pleasure and they spent many happy Sundays taking trips after Church.

Farming became increasingly difficult for the family and when Ted was 18, life changed for them once again. They moved into town and Ted started work as a carpenter for 35 cents an hour. He excelled at the trade and after gaining more knowledge at night school, he went to the Chicago Technical School for three years to learn drafting and blueprint reading. Ted had found his niche and he excelled in the building trade. He was offered a job with the lumber company who quickly recognized his ability in estimating. He became a supervisor of men much younger than him with a whopping salary of 85 cents an hour.

Things went well and the company built many homes over the next few years. Ted bought two lots and built a nice two-storey home for his mother and sisters while they completed their education.

Building slowed down in the early 30s as the Great Depression hit. Ted said, "If the younger generation of today had to experience those conditions I don't think they would have survived." Everyone had to pool their resources and take whatever meager work they could.

In 1934 Ted's life took a dramatic change again which has affected him ever since. He became very ill and was diagnosed with Tuberculosis. X-rays showed a huge cavity in his right lung and a main artery had been severed. He was given one day to live but Ted says God had his hand on him. After four years in the Sanitarium he was able to return home. Illness had weakened him and his doctor suggested moving to a higher altitude and a quieter lifestyle.

Ted met Martha at a family gathering in 1941 and after a three week whirlwind courtship they married. They moved into his home with his Mother and several of his sisters. The couple's first child Elizabeth was born in 1943. Patricia was born in 1944 and their third child and son John was born in 1947. Unfortunately by that time the house was getting a bit crowded. A nasty dispute arose over ownership of the home that Ted had built which resulted in recriminations and anger that lasted for over 40 years.

The couple packed up their belongings and moved to a place that he had acquired in South Wilberforce. Ted says that life in Wilberforce at the time was quite primitive. But with the help of his in-laws who joined them, Ted says the higher altitude, clean air and country life proved to be good for the entire family.

Four years after moving to Wilberforce on their 10th wedding anniversary their daughter Phyllis was born. Fifteen months later

in 1953 their son Jim was born, and John at the age of six was ecstatic to finally have a brother. The couple raised their young children and Ted continued to develop his property and take whatever work he could. He and his neighbor developed a little maple syrup business that was quite successful.

In 1948 the first high school opened in Haliburton County and Ted won the first school bus contract. So he traded in his K5 International for a one ton van with seats and windows and hauled 12 students from Wilberforce to Haliburton every day for \$400 a month. Ted said he would also take people into Haliburton to shop and go to the Molou three times a week. He was even given a free pass because he always brought people who had no other means of transportation to the show. Ted was a 'jack of all trades' and he still had to look for any work he could turn his hand to, but the school bus contract was the beginning of a career that lasted almost 16 years. On his last trip there were 58 students and the bus had grown considerably.

In 1970 Ted built a Laundromat and car wash on a piece of land just east of his home. He said this proved to be a bit of a gold mine and he operated the business for 6 1/2 years until it sold in 1976. They retained a piece of land on the property and built a new home. As fate would have it the fellow who bought the business got into some real hot water due to a bit of bad planning. The new owner made a deal with an arsonist from Peterborough and the laundromat and car wash went up in flames. Ted says the fellow spent the next 3 1/2 years in prison for his foolish plan and the community lost a good service.

When Ted's family first came to Wilberforce he says there was no active church in the area. With some help from their neighbors they cleaned up an old church building and started a Sunday school.

They were finally able to find a young Minister to oversee Sunday services at least for the summer months. The couple maintained a very active church life throughout their life. For many years Ted and Martha were very active in the Red Cross. They were also charter members of a school for mentally challenged children that started up in Tory Hill.

After 30 years of hard work and several more successful business ventures Ted and Martha decided to retire and take life a bit easier. He said that when he came to Wilberforce the township had a population of 400. After nearly 50 years the population was close to 8,000. The railroad which was the primary means of getting supplies and mail was discontinued and good roads, hydro and telephone were everywhere.

Ted and Martha developed a taste for travel. They crossed Canada by car, plane and train and traveled a number of times to Florida, often with friends. They saw Williamsburg and Washington, horse farms in Kentucky, West Virginia and the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville just to name a few. Their children were all successful and raising children of their own and the couple delighted in their family.

But in 1987 their life was again shadowed by tragedy. Martha suffered a heart attack. She recovered to some extent but problems with her heart continued. Finally in the spring of 1989 she passed away, keeping her faith in God to the end. She and Ted had been married for 48 years. The following period was a lonely time for Ted and he had to learn to depend on himself. He remembered Martha's wonderful qualities of fondness, but accepted that

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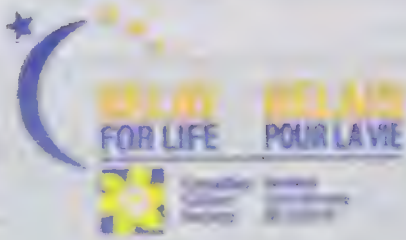


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Spring Fling Fashion Show



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The Agnes Jamieson Gallery held a Spring Fashion show last Saturday night featuring Haliburton County designers showcasing their creations. Under the direction of Gallery Curator Laurie Carmount attendees were treated to 63 original entries including accessories, jewellery, scarves, hats as well as ensembles. Make up was done by Mary Kay representative, Debbie Hall. The show raised \$1000 for Gallery acquisitions, which made it a very successful and fun evening for all. ■



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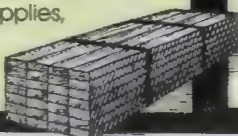
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New County Atlas Goes Into Production

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

It looks like a new and improved (2008) County Atlas will be available early this fall. County Council approved production of the Atlas and staff will be getting quotations for production in the near future. Discussion at the Council meeting last week did result in concerns about the level of detail included in the atlas.

In a report to Council last Wednesday morning, Jane Tousaw, the County's Director of Planning reported that the updates to the County Atlas are now complete and it is formatted and ready for production. The current atlas has 414 pages (207 double sided). The updates reflect all of the road names approved in the 2007 Municipal road naming by-laws as well as names proposed for those same by-laws in 2008. This will result in two additional pages and amendments to 160 pages of the old atlas.

Up until now the County Atlases have been produced in-house on a cost recovery basis. When it was first produced 160 free copies of the 2005 Atlas were given to County service providers, County departments and municipalities. County Staff propose the same distribution this year. A reserve fund of \$12,500 has been set up to cover the cost of reprinting the atlas and will cover the cost of atlases for all service providers. According to Tousaw and the County Treasurer, in house production has not proven to be cost effective. In the case of a full reproduction staff recommend going to public tender.

Copies will be made available to the public on a cost recovery basis once all road names have been legally adopted by municipal by-laws. Tousaw suggested that once the atlas is produced updates can be done on a manual basis. Staff did recommend immediate release to service providers at the earliest opportunity even if road names have not been adopted.

Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie asked if the copies being made available to emergency service agencies would include all of the bush roads. Responses from Tousaw and Pat Kennedy, EMS Director, indicated that only those roads with official names or 911 numbers are included in the atlas. Kennedy said that information from groups like the Paudash Trail Blazers, who have provided GPS information on their trails is available as a separate layer in their GIS system but is not included in the atlases.

Mackie was concerned about the hundreds of trails or forest and bush roads that crisscross the County and are traveled on a regular basis for recreational purposes. He said it was his understanding that this information was to be included in the County's GIS system to assist with emergency response. Mackie said he had dealt with a number of incidents where ambulances could not access areas but if crossroad information was available emergency services could get as close as possible to the site of an accident.

Reports from Tousaw indicated that part of the difficulty in providing trail information on County mapping is that many of them cross private property and permission to use that information is required from the owners. She said the County didn't have the right to publish the information in their atlas but it could be included on the GIS system for use by municipalities. She was also able to confirm that all of the forest access roads have been named by MNR and that information would be available to all emergency services.

Tousaw agreed to contact each of the four municipal fire departments to see if there is information they need or that they can provide. Wherever possible that information will be included in the County's GIS system to be accessed by County and Township staff. ■

No Mileage Increase for County Council

County Council turned down an increase in mileage rates last week. The last mileage increase for Council and staff was in 2006 and was set at 40 cents a kilometre. Warden Eleanor Harrison suggested that given the escalating price of gas another increase should be considered.

Harrison said that it would be better to see a small increase from time to time, rather than getting too far behind and having to bear the brunt of a large increase all at once. Harrison provided Council with a handout listing current mileage rates being paid in other municipalities and Counties in Ontario. The rates varied from 40 cents to 53 cents with an average of 45 cents a kilometre.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said that any increase should have been considered last month during Council's budget deliberations. Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton concurred with this sentiment.

Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie said that he wasn't independently wealthy and had a problem subsidizing the County. Mackie said "I couldn't get a Honda Civic to operate for this," referring to the present mileage rate of 40 cents a kilometre. He also confirmed that the Federal Government paid 50 cents a kilometre.

Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis suggested keeping the rate at 40 cents for the year giving them a chance to monitor how gas prices perform. Davis suggested making the increase part of the budget process for 2009.

Fearrey said "I'm thinking of the number of people in the County who get paid \$12.00 an hour or less and have no ability to get paid for their gas mileage." A show of hands indicated that everyone had to agree with him. For now, the County's mileage rate will remain the same. ■

Turning 98.... Happy B-Day Ted

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he had to move on with what he called the job of living.

After some time for reflection and a family consultation, Ted approached an old family friend and neighbor who had been widowed several years before. Ted said he knew Ethel as a kind and generous Christian woman who had lived in the country all of her life. With the blessing of family, friends and the Church, Ethel and Ted were married late in 1989.

The couple soon adjusted to each other and became fast friends and companions. While they traveled together for some time themselves, they soon were content to simply have each other, a good home and garden and reasonable good health. Ethel's health started to decline about three years ago and they were having a bit of a tough time looking after themselves. So he sold his family home to his son Jim and he and Ethel moved just a mile from home up Saunders Road to live with his daughter Pat and her husband Paddy.

Ted says he has known seven generations of his family. His children are all doing well; he has 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Number 31 is nine months old and the little one's picture is proudly displayed on the wall. Two of his sisters are still living in Port Colbourne and he keeps in contact on a regular basis.

Ted says, "As we grow older we realize that life is a learning process that never ends." He has found a lot of pleasure in his writing. He has given readings and some of his writing has been featured in the local newspapers over the years. Ted has compiled a wonderful accounting of his life into a book called "Sailing on Life's Tempestuous Sea: My Pilot and Me." It's a story full of his life's adventures, his children's achievements, colourful country people, Indian reservations, the first telephone in his community, prohibition and bootlegging and a three hole outhouse just to name a few.

He's also written a book of poems called "The Simple Joy" and was kind enough to give me a copy. Here is a poem for everyone to enjoy: ■

Too Busy

My body may age
But my mind will stay young,
I've much left to do,
Many songs to be sung,
Many roads to be traveled,
Much love to express,
Many souls that need aid,
Who are now in distress.
I will do what I can
To help brighten your day.
I will spread cheer and love
As I pass by your way.
The world is my oyster,
To have and to hold.
Why, I'm really too busy
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On Tuesday, the team rode off to their destination in Wilberforce. The weather for the officers was nothing short of picture perfect when they showed up shortly after 9 a.m. at the elementary school.

"We'll keep coming to Wilberforce to fundraise until we find a cure for cancer," Officer Marc Hubgood told the students. He also informed them of the hard battle that Dawson Hamilton has gone through over the years.

"At eight years old, he has spent more time in SickKids than he has out. So think about Dawson and people like him if you think that you're going through a rough day," said Hubgood.

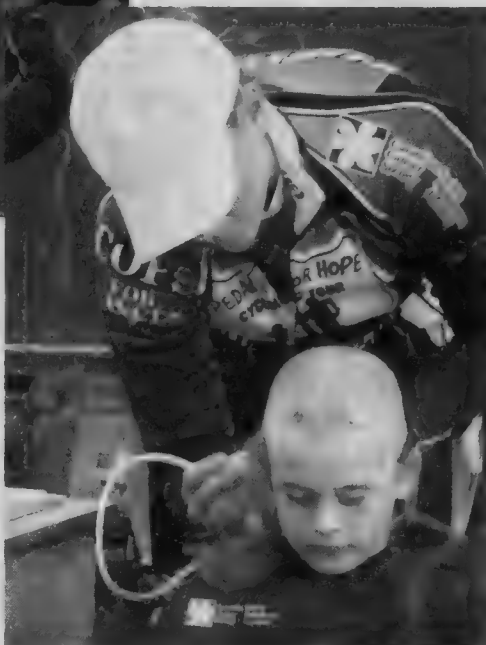
While at the school, officers shaved student's heads, held a pudding eating contest and danced outdoors with the kids.

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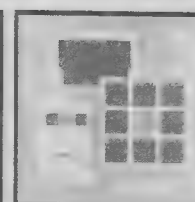
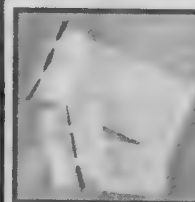
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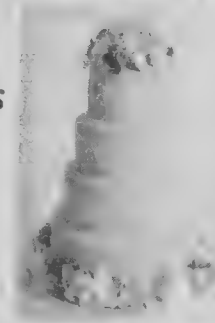
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His and Her Count Down Calendars

Her Calendar

One Year Before The Wedding

- ☐ Discuss the wedding budget with both sets of parents.
- ☐ Choose your wedding date* (have a second choice in mind); arrange to meet with the officiant who will perform the ceremony.
- ☐ Arrange for the soloist, organist, or other musicians.
- ☐ Reserve reception facility.
- ☐ Arrange for the catering, disc jockey and/or band.

Six Months Before The Wedding

- ☐ Book your photographer and videographer.
- ☐ Start your guest list and notify your fiancé's family to do the same
- ☐ Choose your attendants and order their dresses.
- ☐ Register for china, crystal, flatware, linens and other gifts.
- ☐ Select your wedding gown and veil.
- ☐ Discuss honeymoon plans, visit a travel agent, send away for brochures.

Four Months Before The Wedding

- ☐ Help groom choose style of suit.
- ☐ Complete guest list.
- ☐ Order Invitations and other stationary (don't forget a guestbook).
- ☐ Get any vaccinations required for travel. (Renew passports if necessary.)
- ☐ Order flowers.
- ☐ Register* for pre-marital classes.
- ☐ Shop for wedding bands.
- ☐ Meet with musicians to select music.

Two Months Before The Wedding

- ☐ Order wedding cake.
- ☐ Get marriage license, ask about marriage certificate.
- ☐ Have makeup and hair consultations
- ☐ Finalize reception menu
- ☐ Address Invitations and announcements; mail invitations to arrive 6 weeks before wedding.
- ☐ Arrange for limousines or alternate transportation.
- ☐ Attend fittings for gown and make appointments for attendants' fittings.

- ☐ Arrange accomodation for out of town guests
- ☐ Discuss vows with groom

One Month Before The Wedding

- ☐ Have final dress fitting
- ☐ Buy gifts for groom and attendants.
- ☐ Write thank you notes as gifts are received (keep a list).
- ☐ Schedule a rehearsal for the week before the wedding.
- ☐ Confirm details with caterer, florist, photographer, musicians, etc.
- ☐ Decide on seating arrangements

Two Weeks Before The Wedding

- ☐ Review all transportation arrangements
- ☐ Continue with thank you notes

One Week Before The Wedding

- ☐ Check on final details with the caterer, florist, photographer, band/DJ, limousine company and any other suppliers.
- ☐ Pick up your wedding gown.

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His Calendar

Six Months to One Year Before The Wedding

- ☐ Arrange a visit with the clergy to set the date and time of the ceremony.
- ☐ Choose your best man and ushers; advise them about suit selections.
- ☐ Sit down with both sets of parents to establish budget and guest list.

Three Months Before The Wedding

- ☐ Buy gifts for your bride, best man and ushers.
- ☐ Complete your family's guest list.
- ☐ Order wedding attire for yourself and attendants.
- ☐ Make honeymoon arrangements. Are your visa, passport, etc. in order?

One Month Before The Wedding

- ☐ Arrange overnight accommodation for out-of-town attendants and guests.
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon reservations.
- ☐ Assist with plans for rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Arrange for tuxedo fittings.

One Week Before The Wedding

- ☐ Have your hair trimmed.
- ☐ Pick up your wedding attire.
- ☐ Advise your bestman and ushers regarding the rehearsal and any special seating arrangements at the service.
- ☐ Give gifts to your attendants.
- ☐ Give the clergy's honourarium (in a sealed envelope) to the best man.
- ☐ Pack clothes for honeymoon

On The Big Day

- ☐ Review with your best man his obligations and timing for the day.
- ☐ Ensure the best man has the honourarium for the clergy on hand.
- ☐ Ensure you have the wedding ring with you and give it to the best man.
- ☐ Arrive at the church 20 minutes before the ceremony.
- ☐ After leaving the reception, phone to thank your new wife's parents and phone your own parents. ■

Did You Know...

The average cost of a wedding in Canada is \$20,000 to \$30,000. It can be higher if planned in a major city such as Toronto.

Formal or Casual
80% of brides plan formal weddings.

Internet Wedding Planning
8% of all Internet users are engaged to be married.

Wedding Industry
Weddings comprise a \$25.3 Billion dollar industry.

It's Popular to be Unlucky
According to English folklore, Saturday, the most popular American choice, is the unluckiest day to marry!

Oldest Bridal Tradition
The veil dates back to ancient Rome, when it was flame-

yellow, always worn over the face, and called a flammeum.

Strange But True
In Pennsylvania, Ministers are forbidden from performing marriages when either the bride or groom is drunk.

The Kiss
The kiss that is given by the bride to the groom at the end of the wedding ceremony originates from the earliest times when the couple would actually make love for the first time under the eyes of half the village!

The Wedding Party
The most frequent number of bridesmaids is 4 (including the maid of honor). 62% of weddings have a flower girl, while 56% have a ring bearer.

Wedding Guests
In North America, an average

of 189 guests attend each wedding.

Wearing a Wedding Ring
The reason that the engagement ring and wedding band is worn on the fourth finger of the left hand is because the ancient Egyptians thought that the "vein of love" ran from this finger directly to the heart.

Wearing White
Queen Victoria made white the bridal color of choice when she wore it to wed Prince Albert in 1840.

Wedding Costs
The average wedding costs \$18,874 with 186 guests.

Wedding Costs - 2nd Time Around
The average second wedding costs \$12,000, but couples spend nearly double first time couples on their honeymoons. ■

So You're Going To Be In The Bridal Party!

The bride will be consumed with her wedding plans and you will be expected to go along for the ride.

BUT FIRST: Accept that it is an honour to be asked. Understand that the pictures and memories of your participation will be a highlight of your life.

But it's OK to refuse the honour if it stretches your budget or time commitment too far.

Pay for your own dress and shoes. Be prepared to pay a deposit when the dress is ordered. The bride will pay for the head-dress, flowers, gloves, or other accessories she wants her attendants to wear.

Host a shower. The cost of this event will be shared with other attendants. It can be in a private home, a club, restaurant or bar. Invitations, catering, bar and decorations can be pricey.

Pay your share of a group shower gift when the attendants host their shower.

Attend (and bring a gift) to all showers. More and more thoughtful brides ask their attendants not to give them shower gifts, but don't count on it!

Give a wedding gift. Make it easy on yourself by sharing with other attendants.

Get Ready For A Great Ride Because Weddings Make Cherished Memories

Shop with the bride for your gown. The choice should be mutually acceptable.

Attend planning meetings. The first of these will be to discuss the date of the wedding, the size, who will make up the wedding party, and the service and reception locations.

Be available to run messages. The bride will rely on her attendants (and especially her Maid of Honour) to be her backup on a myriad of details.

Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner. This will be great fun, unless the bride is over-stressing about the details.

Help address invitations if your penmanship is terrific.

Help make table favours or bomboniere if you are asked to participate.

It's a great honour to be singled out as a close friend, says Tara Kelly of www.chicweddingboutique.com. And bridesmaids who come to our site tell us that, the secret is just to have fun. And fun and new trends are what our site is all about. If, however, your personal life is either financially or time constricted, it's better to be frank with your friend and offer to play a little less demanding role. ■

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Steps to Choosing Your Best Dress

You've probably heard about the heady moment when you realize you have found The Dress. Your pulse quickens, your hands quiver, your eyes (and your mother's) mist with tears. What you may not realize is that there can be tears of frustration, too, when you're shopping for a wedding gown. That's why it makes sense to start out well-informed and well-prepared, taking time to plan and strategize so you can concentrate on the task at hand. "This is a major investment, like buying a car," says Mara Urshel, owner of the famed New York City bridal salon Kleinfeld. "You have to know what you're getting into." Follow the pointers here, and chances are it will be the silk sheath or duchesse-satin ball gown of your dreams.

Think Location, Location, Location

Knowing the place and time of your wedding will help focus your search. Will you be having a daytime ceremony on the beach? You can rule out ball gowns with long trains, and details such as silk flowers or ribbon trim will look fresher than fireworks of crystals or rhinestones. Exchanging vows in a candlelit cathedral? Avoid short slip dresses or anything that looks like it could be worn to a cocktail party. Most fabrics are suitable year-round, but some, like linen and organdy, are more appropriate for warm weather, while velvet and brocade are best left for winter.

Know the Lingo

It's not every day you see terms such as basque waist or Watteau train or try to differentiate between three shades of white. Pore over bridal magazines, books, and websites to learn about fabrics, silhouettes, and the lexicon so you can better convey what you're looking for. Start a folder with pictures of dresses or details that appeal to you, and take it with you when you shop.

Set a Budget

Figure out how much you want to spend, and tell the salesperson before she starts bringing out gowns. That way you won't lose your heart to a dress you can't afford. Typically, a wedding ensemble, including veil, undergarments, and any other accessories, accounts for 10 percent to 15 percent of the total cost of the event, says Urshel. Be sure to factor in extras, such as alterations — which can add a few hundred or a few thousand dollars depending on

how involved they are — and shipping fees. Once the dress arrives, it may require professional pressing or steaming, a service that can tack on a hundred dollars or more.

Start Early

Begin shopping six to nine months before your wedding. It takes about four months for a manufacturer to make a dress and another two months to complete the alterations. Very elaborate gowns will take longer. Short on time? Many shops do rush orders for an additional fee, but your choices will likely be limited. They also may have a sale section with samples you can buy off the rack. "If you're lucky, you can get one that needs just minor alterations," says Julia Lichtman Kepniss, co-owner of Hitched, a couture bridal boutique in Washington, D.C.

Come Up with a Game Plan

Decide where you want to go: Call stores ahead of time to find out which designers they carry, the price range of their dresses, and if they sell accessories and provide alterations. Most salons require that you schedule an appointment. If possible, shop on a weekday (Saturdays are mayhem) but not during your lunch hour when you'll be rushed. And don't shop till you drop — limit yourself to two stores a day. "You'll probably try on at least eight dresses per visit, and that can be exhausting," says Sarah Fordham, manager of Anne Barge Atelier in Atlanta. "You want to be able to remember what you've seen." Carry a notebook and jot down dress descriptions (photos are usually prohibited until you buy a gown). And take anything you know you want to wear, such as a special necklace or your grandmother's veil. Boutiques will often provide bustiers, strapless bras, and shoes, but you may want to bring your own. You'll also need the advice of a few trusted confidantes, but not too many: An opinionated entourage can be confusing and frustrating. Invite one or two people "who know your taste, will be honest with you, and whose judgment you trust," says Urshel.

Find a Dress for Less

You don't have to spend a million bucks to look like it. Besides having sale racks, many salons hold big sales once or twice a year to clear out "gently worn" or discontinued samples (usually

in sizes 6, 8, or 10). To find out when these are, call stores, go to designers' websites, and sign up for mailing lists. Also register for trunk shows, where designers debut new lines. Sometimes boutiques offer discounts if you buy on the show day.

Keep an Open Mind

This is the mantra repeated over and over by bridal consultants. So take their advice, even if what they urge you to try on doesn't seem like your style. "We have what we call 'hanger dresses' that don't look like much on the hanger but we know they look great on," says Fordham. On the other hand, never let yourself be talked into purchasing a gown you're not in love with.

Focus on Fit, Not Size

Bridalwear often runs smaller than ready-to-wear; if you normally buy an 8, you may need a 12. "You have to forget the numbers," Kepniss says. And don't insist on a smaller size because you intend to lose weight before the wedding — order the one that fits now. A gown is easy to take in, but difficult and costly to let out.

Get It in Writing

Before putting down a deposit (usually 50 percent), go over the contract with your bridal consultant. Find out when the gown will be ready, the estimated fee for alterations, if it can be shipped out of state (or country), what the cancellation policy is, and what recourse you have if the dress is damaged or comes without the requested modifications. Finally, double-check that the manufacturer's name, style number, size, and color are correct.

Make the Most of Each Fitting

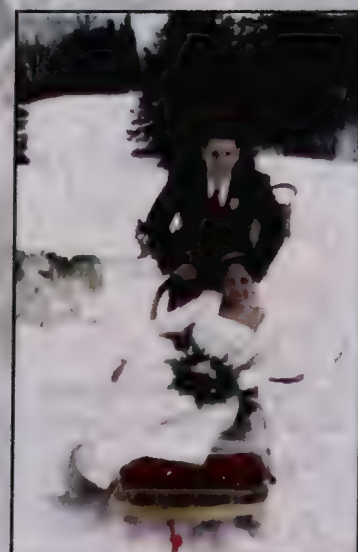
It usually takes two or three fittings to adjust a gown, but don't be shy about asking for more if you think tweaks are needed. The first appointment occurs about two to four months before the wedding, at which time you need to have your undergarments, shoes, and accessories. You may also want to get your hair done in the style you will wear. Decide: Can you lift your arms easily? Do the straps stay up? Do any seams pucker? The last fitting takes place a week or two before the event. Bring your mother, an attendant, or whomever will be helping you into your gown. And prepare to be wowed. Your fantasy dress will finally be a reality. ■

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The solution lies in one simple word—"no." Once put into action, the power of "no" is limitless. It eliminates the need to push yourself to the max or to settle for someone else's idea of what's right for you. But even as you become aware of dwindling time and resources, refusing requests can seem an impossible task.

Here are 10 tips adapted from *The Book of NO: 250 Ways to Say It--and Mean It and Stop People-pleasing Forever* to ease the awkwardness and difficulty of saying "no"; they will help you cope with wedding demands (and way beyond). With these in mind, you'll be able to say "no" -- and mean it -- and along the way find pre-wedding overwhelm and upset and wedding day exhaustion and tensions fading away.

For the Bride: Ten Stress-Busters

1. When approached with a request, pause to analyze what is really being asked of you. Make sure you fully understand what

you're committing to (a long vs. a short dress; pink instead of white flowers; 100 guests, not 40) before you blurt out "Sure, no problem." Realizing you always have a choice in what you decide to say "yes" or "no" will eliminate uncontrollable "yeses."

2. Allow other people to take over once you've decided how you want your wedding to be. Because you vetoed calligraphy doesn't mean you have to address all the invitations. You want your special day to be perfect, but no matter how much of a "Superwoman" you are, it's impossible to organize and execute the whole thing on your own.

3. When you say "yes" to something, wedding dress shopping with your mother or sister, for instance, be very specific about the dates and time you can be available. Two hours of dress shopping might be fun and productive...four hours might be torture for you. Learn to be protective of your time—it's a valuable commodity that you have in limited supply. When you say "yes" continually to others, you say "no" to yourself and relegate yourself to second position, fourth, or even last. Even if it's an outing you are excited about, consider your time restraints.

4. Don't be wishy-washy about decisions that involve changes to expected rituals. Stand strong when changing a tradition. People are not mind readers. No one knows that you object unless you say so. There is nothing wrong with wanting to have your wedding on the beach instead of at your in-laws' golf club—the location for

the marriages of all their other children. Breaking a long-standing tradition will be hard at first, but once you've said "no," you'll get the support you want.

5. Don't back-up a "no" with a lie or pad it with lame excuses. It will just result in guilt and possibly hurting someone you care about. You are entitled to your preferences and to act on them, but that doesn't give you an excuse to lie. Don't tell a friend who asks to be in your wedding that you haven't chosen your bridesmaids yet (when you have). It will only hurt more in the long run, if your lie is uncovered.

6. You're in charge; you call the shots. Tell yourself you will not give in no matter what when the vendor gets insistent about your needing crystal vases or special chocolates or any extra you don't want or feel you need. Repeat something like "I will not give in, I will not give in," to remind yourself. When people take advantage of you, the most serious repercussion is the irritation you feel with yourself. By creating an affirmation, you give yourself the verbal support you need to stay with your "no."

7. Your tone of voice and body language are far more influential in sending your "no" message than the actual words. The word "no" said politely is enough to convey your message. The less excuses you make, the stronger the message. Just don't forget to say "no" with conviction to the photographer who insists on black and whites when you've already committed to all the photography you can afford. Look

the person in the eye to let him know that you mean it and that pressure is useless.

8. Alter a request to make it, or part of it, more manageable. If a bridesmaid asks for help deciding how to do her hair and make-up for your big day, and you want to help, but you have a million other things on tap, tell her you'll help with her hair, but the make-up will have to wait for another day. Most people will be appreciative for any help you are willing to provide.

9. Don't fret over the consequences of "no." If you've handled the situation calmly, the backlash will be absent or insignificant. Remember: in general, people don't think about you as much as you worry about what they think. While you're feeling guilty, they are busy finding someone else to do the job.

10. Most importantly, you can say "no" and still remain a loving, committed person. Most people understand and are forgiving, especially about wedding issues. And, if they're not, do you really want them in your life? Remind yourself daily that "no" is liberating and gets you what you want. To say "no" is your right. As your wedding day approaches, you have other rights you will want to exercise such as making your feelings and desires known, establishing and guarding your boundaries, and keeping your need for rest, exercise, and balanced meals in the forefront of all you do... and don't do. The word "no" is the only stress-buster you'll need to live happily ever after. ■

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Involving Children In the Wedding Ceremony

I believe it is very important if children are coming into the marriage that they be recognized or participate in some part of the wedding ceremony itself. Children often can not express fears or doubts they have. Involving children in the ceremony helps them to transition to the new relationship they are now a part of. Many times it takes time for your child to work your request through their feelings. What may be a clear turn down today may be an enthusiastic 'sure' a few weeks from now. Give them time you won't regret it..

THE NUMBER ONE SUGGESTION IS MENTION THE CHILDREN IN THE CEREMONY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN: I think it is much more important that children hear their names mentioned in the ceremony, than it is that they play any major part of the ceremony. (there will be exceptions to this so clear it a head of time with the shy ones). Mentioning a child's name during the wedding assures that they are an important part of the occasion and have special status which guests and other family members attending do not. At this special time children need to feel important to their parents.

Remember with this ceremony a new family is being born. This is especially important to young ones. When children are coming into the marriage, it is appropriate to mention in the ceremony that not only is a marriage being formed, but also a family - and then we name each child. If a prayer is in the ceremony, each child's name can be stated in the prayer.

WATCH OUT FOR THE ' I FEEL REJECTED' SYNDROME IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY : Where children tend to be left out is immediately after the ceremony. The bride and groom walk away and are crowded by "big people" - with the children left out of the immediate post ceremony celebration. Remember most children do not know what they are supposed to do after the ceremony ends. This is easily avoided. The couple should simply take a moment to hug their child/ children, thank them for helping in the ceremony, and then telling them they are free to play etc. This time of quality recognition is very important.

BE CAREFUL WITH THE EXCESSIVE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY: Surprise! Once in a while children will not share your sense of excitement about the wedding. Often, to the child it can seem more a party occasion. Usually, giving children major roles in the ceremony quickly becomes a duty rather than a delight. It is generally best to give a child only one active role and also to be mentioned in the ceremony, rather than to actively involve a child at too many different points throughout the ceremony. With teenagers, some care should be taken not to give them roles they may feel silly doing.

KEEP IT SIMPLE: For younger children, usually the simple task of holding the rings or bouquet is enough to accomplish a sense of participation. For teenagers, the role may be as simple as standing up with the couple, playing the CD or tape of wedding music, or even just taking pictures of the ceremony with a one time camera. In short try to find a non ceremony role for the child. Often if presenting roses are a part of the ceremony the couple will have a rose for each of the children. After exchanging roses, the couple will then give each child a rose, a hug, and whisper "I love you." Typically, couples may give children a gift right after they exchange their own rings and vows - usually a necklace, medallion, or ring - along with a hug and an "I love you." Use the family unity candle. As we all know children are fascinated with candles and involving them in the is an excellent involvement means. This can be done many ways. If the children are small the bride and groom light small candles for each of the children -

and then they light the center candle together. If the children are older each child can have a candle to light. Then all light the centre candle together.

FLOWER GIRLS AND RING BEARERS Generally speaking, flower girls and ring bearers are between three and seven years of age. Of course, the younger they are, the more unpredictable their behavior will be. If the child is old enough to walk up the aisle and be relatively well behaved throughout what will appear to him to be a relatively long time, then he's old enough. It really depends on the personality of the child.

THE OLDER CHILDREN Children eager to participate in the wedding ceremony can be bridesmaids and ushers as well as honor attendants (the new unisex term for the maid of honor and best man); the roles they can play are no longer limited.. An eleven-year-old son can be a best man. A nine-year-old girl can be a maid of honor. A bride's son can be her "honor attendant," as a groom's daughter can be his. A bride's son, daughter, or both can escort her up the aisle and "give her away." You may even choose to have your wedding party made up entirely of your own children as my spouse and I did.

MY ABSOLUTE ALL TIME FAVORITE! Allow your children to come up and sign part of the official documents at the signing of the register.. Yes you need two witnesses for the license but your officiant will give you 'the record of marriage' part of the license and anyone can sign, print or make their mark! Warn your wedding photographer to be on the alert for these wonderful moments. In my experience, children love this above all other part of the ceremony, and so does everyone else .Again when your officiant introduces you have your children up there with you. They will love the applause and treasure the memory of how important they were on Mom or Dad's big day. ■

How to Get the Groom Involved in the Wedding Planning

He's an essential part of the final production, but he's often a bit player in the planning. Unfortunately, the groom often does not get much of a say in the planning of a wedding—and often, he doesn't want to. Yet, there are some techniques you can use to help get your groom involved in the pre-wedding planning.

Resist the Urge to Demand -

Getting the groom involved does not mean giving him a "to-do" list. Instead, figure out those areas where he might enjoy participating. For instance, if he enjoys music, you might ask him to select the organist, harpist, or guitarist for your ceremony. The idea is to make him feel as if he has ownership in the event.

Graciously Ask for His Help -

Let your beloved know—gently—that you just can't handle all the planning duties alone. The wedding plan could represent your first partnership as a couple. Therefore, it's important for you to let him know that you respect his opinion and would appreciate his input on key decisions. Be sure you both keep good records with wedding planning organizer so you don't overlap tasks or accidentally miss something.

Begin with Minor Issues -

Deciding where the reception should be held is a big decision, and may require a great deal of contemplation. Instead of taking on the important decisions first, initially concentrate on some of the less daunting aspects of wedding planning. Once you have the minor details out of the way, you can focus on the big picture items together as a couple.

Let the Groom Do Some Surfing -

One task that your groom might want to handle is researching the Internet for information. He can search out a list of reception deejays in your area, find tips on proper wedding etiquette, and search out tuxes for his groomsmen. If your husband-to-be enjoys his computer, this might be the perfect assignment for him to take on.

Don't Dismiss His Suggestions Out of Hand -

If you have your vision of what your wedding should be, you actually may resent it when your groom offers suggestions. It's important for you to recognize the fact that it's his wedding, too, and therefore his input can be valuable in the wedding planning process. So, resist the urge to dismiss his ideas—even if they seem a little far-fetched. ■

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Incorporating some of the latest wedding trends is a great way of ensuring your wedding feels fresh and up-to-date. But with many engagements lasting a year or more, figuring out what the trends will be is a tricky business.

1. Green Weddings

#1 wedding trend for 2008 is the green wedding. It was a wedding trend in 2007, but it's going to be even bigger in 2008. Many couples are realizing that if we don't take care of our planet, who will? Your big day is full of opportunities to make ethical informed decisions as well as many opportunities for waste. If you're an environmentalist, consider using organic flowers in your bouquet, recycled paper in your invitations, local and organic foods at your reception, and even biodegradable plates and forks. Each step can make a difference in this world!

2. An Emphasis on the Waist

After a tumultuous affair with the trapeze dress, America is ready to re-embrace the waist. And not a moment too soon in my opinion! At the Spring 2008 Fashion Week, designers showed nipped in waists, often accented with wide belts. Look for wedding dresses to follow suit, with a reinvigoration of the obi belt, and contrasting color sashes.

You might also consider a trumpet skirt, such as this wedding dress from the Kenneth Pool line designed by Austin Scarlett. As it skims over the body before flaring out near the knee, the trumpet skirt naturally shows off your best curves, especially your waist.

3. Great Wedding Invitations

A wedding invitation is the first clue guests will get about your wedding style and theme. It helps get them excited for the big event, and even gives guests clues about what to wear! Letterpress wedding invitations will be an especially big wedding trend for 2008, with couples designing custom invitation packages to reflect their personality. But if your wallet doesn't stretch for top-of-the-line letterpressed invitations (like this one from Dauphine Press), there are many other options. Consider making your own wedding invitations using an at-home screenprinting kit like Print Gocco, or even finding affordable letterpress at Costco!

4. Yellow

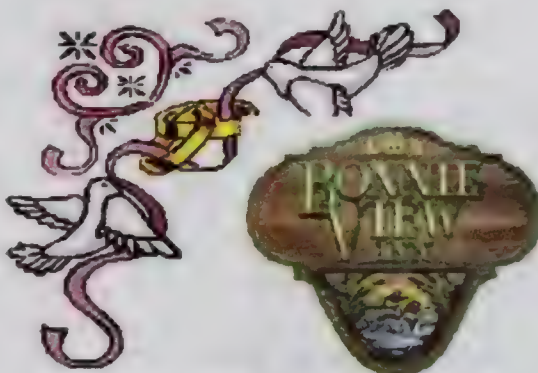
Yellow was all over the spring 2008 runways, which is great news for brides. This ideal wedding color is fresh, energetic, and summery. For a daytime wedding, consider yellow and white for your wedding colors, with yellow daisies, gingham accents, and cheery yellow ribbons tied around vases, napkins, bouquets, and waists. For an evening wedding, pair lemon yellow with chocolate brown. Or, choose a brighter yellow paired with silvery gray.

5. Silver

The bride who wears a metallic silver wedding dress is sure to stand out and be remembered. If you're more traditional, incorporate the silver wedding trend in other ways. Your bridesmaids could wear grey satin bridesmaids dresses, or carry bouquets of white roses mixed with eucalyptus, Artemisia Silver King and/or Dusty Miller. Decorate your reception space with silver linens, branches painted silver, and rhinestone accents. Or punch up your own look with silver heels peeking out from under your dress, and a rhinestone hairpin.

6. Other Bold Colors

Jewel tones are back in style! If you love rich purples, bright greens, and shocking pinks, you'll be excited by 2008 wedding trends. But stay far away from the '80s. Today's couples should look to use jewel tones sparingly, mixing brights with cream or gray, or more muted versions of the same color. Avoid the satin jewel tone bridesmaid dress – it's definitely one look she won't wear again. Instead, look for chiffon or other matte fabrics to carry off this look. ■



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Bride 101

As the lucky bride, you will likely find yourself with a team of family members, bridesmaids, and friends willing to lend you a hand in planning your wedding. But even if you hire a wedding consultant, there still should be one person ultimately in charge: you. The following is a brief sketch of what you'll need to think about.

Getting Organized

Begin by making lists: Write down each task to be done, the date by which it needs to be completed, and who will do it. Devise a system for recording your plans and for remembering who is helping you with what. Buy a wedding planner, or create one in a three-ring binder or accordion folder, or just set aside a section in your daily planner. Make sure you include a section for filing away inspirations from magazines or old family photographs and one for recording the names and phone numbers of vendors and their references.

Choosing Bridesmaids

Assembling a wedding party is an exciting milestone that should be completed early in the planning process. Start with your maid or matron of honor, whose primary function is to organize the bridesmaids and make sure the bride has a constant flow of emotional and practical support. You might ask a sister, close friend, cousin, or even your mother or grandmother to play this role.

Then turn your attention to the bridesmaids. What's most important in your choice of attendants is that each one is a person you can count on for help and support. A week or two before the wedding, it is customary for you to be the host of a bridesmaids' lunch showing your appreciation for all they've done; if some of your attendants live out of town, you may prefer to wait until the day before the wedding, so all can attend.

Planning Your Ensemble

You'll want to start shopping for your dress as soon as possible: Make your final decision -- and place an order -- at least six months before the wedding. Once you've settled on the gown, select your veil, shoes, handbag, jewelry, gloves, and undergarments. If your maid of honor or a bridesmaid will bustle your gown after the ceremony, she should attend your final dress fitting, so the seamstress can show her the technique.

If you are having your hair and makeup professionally done, choose a stylist early, and make appointments for both your wedding day and a trial run one to two months beforehand.

Since your new wedding band is sure to draw attention, have your engagement ring cleaned so it sparkles beside the band, and treat yourself to a manicure just before the wedding.

Of your many tasks, the one that matters most is to enjoy being the bride. To allow yourself this pleasure, you'll need to master the gentle art of delegating. Remember: Though some people, such as members of your wedding party, know they are expected to help you plan, you still want to use tact and grace when asking for and accepting help.

A natural place to start delegating is with your groom. But first, know that tradition already dictates some tasks for him: purchasing the wedding bands, choosing his groomsmen and their attire, buying gifts for his attendants, making appointments for the marriage license and blood tests, organizing transportation to and from the ceremony and reception, arranging for the officiant's payment, and planning the honeymoon.

Like many grooms, yours may wish to expand his involvement. After all, the wedding is an expression of you both. There are some things you'll want to do together, such as setting a budget, drawing up the guest list, organizing your ceremony, composing your vows, and registering for gifts. Other tasks you'll want to tackle separately before making the final decision together. The groom who is a gourmet cook, for instance, might select the caterer; the bride who is a gardener might enjoy finding the florist.

Then there will be responsibilities that may be attended to by others. Consider each person's strengths and interests as you decide how to divide the to-dos. If your father is a musician, for example, ask him to look for a band. You might ask your mother or future mother-in-law

to handle the publishing of your engagement or wedding announcement in the newspaper. Your bridesmaids will likely enjoy -- and appreciate -- helping you choose the dresses they'll wear.

Coordinating the Rehearsal

While your future in-laws traditionally plan and host the rehearsal dinner, you're the best candidate to organize the actual rehearsal, since you'll be the most familiar with all the details of the ceremony. Make certain that all who need to be there have been instructed about time, location, and logistics, including the order in which people walk down the aisle and where everyone stands at the altar.

During the rehearsal dinner, you and your groom will want to welcome out-of-town guests and say a few words of thanks to your parents. You'll also want to give each bridesmaid a gift to express your appreciation (if you prefer, these gifts can be distributed at the bridesmaids' luncheon). Even if the gifts are all the same, add a personal touch to each: Give each attendant an evening bag in her favorite color, or engrave her initials on a silver bracelet.

Once the rehearsal dinner is over, and you and your groom have a moment alone, you may wish to present him with a wedding gift. It is customary for the bride to give her groom a wristwatch or other piece of engraved jewelry that echoes the permanence of the wedding band she is about to receive.

Getting Married

On your wedding day, your focus needs to be only on looking and feeling like a bride. Any logistical task -- meeting the florist, handing out the bouquets and boutonnieres, putting out the guest book, placing hospitality baskets in the restrooms, and overseeing the choreography of the event -- should be assigned to someone else in advance.

If you want to have a receiving line, tell a groomsman or bridesmaid where you want it -- at the ceremony or reception site -- so he or she can organize it. During the reception, you customarily share a first dance with your groom (picking the song is a fun thing to do together) and one with your father (select a special song for this dance, too).

Throughout the reception, try to circulate, on your own or with your groom, so every guest gets at least a moment of your attention, especially if you decided not to have a receiving line. In addition, you may choose to symbolically pass on your good fortune in love by tossing your bridal bouquet.

Finishing Touches

Once you return from your honeymoon, you will have just a few things left to do. If you have moved, you will need to send out change-of-address cards and tell the post office where to forward your mail. Also, contact your bank, credit-card companies, and the Social Security Administration if you have legally changed your name. Bring your wedding gown and veil to a trusted dry cleaner to clean and preserve them, then store your bridal ensemble in a cool, dry spot.

As soon as the film is developed, you will want to start working with your photographer on creating albums for you and your groom and for both sets of parents.

The final task of writing thank-you notes is one you can complete alone -- or share it with your groom, anticipating the many collaborations the two of you have to look forward to in the future. ■

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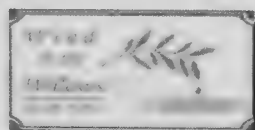
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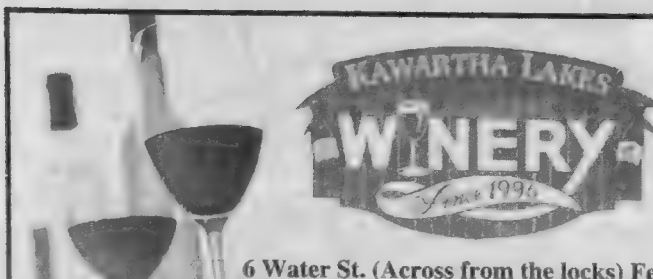
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A Year in Review and a Look Ahead

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) Continues to Move Forward

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) gathered together for their 3rd annual general meeting on Saturday, April 26 at the Fleming College Haliburton campus.

The first item on their agenda was approval of the meeting minutes from the last general meeting held in June of 2007. Ian Daniel, Chair of the HHLT, opened up the meeting with some brief background notes on the organization, while making a mention of their most recent piece of property acquired in March of last year, Norah's Island.

The piece of land was donated to the HHLT to ensure that the land and environment remains protected from possible developments. The HHLT is a non-profit group that prides itself on safeguarding the natural environment within Haliburton County. Daniel says that he would like to see the group acquire another two or three properties in the next couple of years.

Treasurer Lon Duncombe presented the organization's annual financial report. A big highlight in this report was the \$48,726.27 that has been received in donations to contribute to the island.

"I'd like to congratulate the contributors to Norah's Island," said Duncombe. "There were about 123 contributions, some of them being quite substantial."

Daniel added that although some of the donations were from HHLT members, many came from outside the organization.

Bruce Carruthers officially donated the 22-acre island to the trust on March 23, 2007 to honour the memory of his late wife. The couple owned the island for 32 years. Norah's Island is located near the north shore of Kennesis Lake, about 1,000 feet from the mainland.

The third item on the list was the "Report to the Annual General Meeting from the Chair of the Board".

Three sub-committees were formed back in July, consisting of some members from the HHLT as well as other



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volunteers.

"Our board met with Ontario land trust representatives. They learned about a benchmark set of standards during an all day workshop," said Daniel. It was also at this workshop that the HHLT learned about areas the organization could improve in.

"We have to tend to some of our policies, such as ensuring the privacy of some of our donors," he said. Making sure that founding members are properly recognized is also another

area that needs to be considered.

"We have a need to move ahead, especially on communications," added Daniel.

"We've done pretty well in building up our reputation. Now we need to increase the number of our members and volunteers and improve the communication among our members."

"We need to improve our understanding and appreciation for these species," said Stephen Foster of the HHLT, as he introduced guest speaker Paul Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services. Heaven finished the second half of the meeting with his presentation on endangered species in the County. His slide show illustrated areas where certain types of species live in several areas of the Highlands by showing data, literature and photographs.

Foster then presented Heaven with a gift on behalf of the HHLT to show their appreciation to him for his informative explanations. Also at the meeting, Daniel announced that he would be continuing with the organization, but will stepping down as Chair. Also leaving their director positions are Lon Duncombe and Mary Ann Barkhouse. Following the general meeting, the current board members held a discussion to appoint people to fill these positions. New board members include: Sheila Ziman (Chair), Allan King (Treasurer) and Shirley McCormack (Secretary). Thom Lambert was also appointed to the board. ■

Minden Hills Council Gets a Raise

Minden Hills Council will be getting a whopping 13% increase in pay. That might sound like a lot, but the increase will take place over time. The hike in remuneration will be phased in over the next four years with an immediate 4 percent increase, followed by an additional 3 percent over the next 3 years.

How did they arrive at 13 percent? In fact the resolution read "That the remuneration for members of Council be increased to reflect the CUPE Local 4286 Agreement for the term of the said Agreement." And the term is from 2008 to 2011. The Council has obviously decided that the fairest way to approach their increase is to stay on the same rising scale as their staff.

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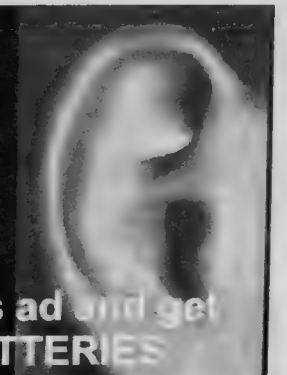
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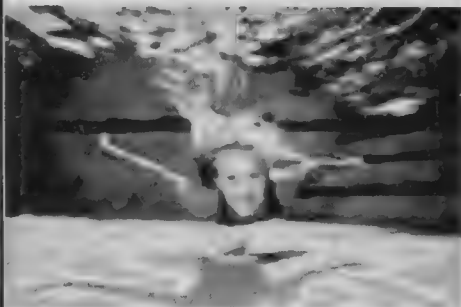


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Tickets went for \$125 per person, with proceeds going towards bursaries and scholarships for students who attend the Haliburton campus.

"Each chef picked a different area of the world," said Gord Skinner, Executive Chef at the Delta Pinestone Resort. Skinner says he decided to go with a Moroccan themed mix.

Hors d'Oeuvres like vegetarian samosa, spiced olives and Turkish style fried calamari were offered to patrons to get them started. For the night's finishing touches, Chef Ron Tenthorey (from Georges Henri) created some wonderfully delightful desserts.

And the main courses were nothing short of extravagant. For example, Chefs Christoph Carl and David Adams of soon-to-be opened establishment, Rhubarb, served up a savoury crayfish paella with tomato and apple gazpacho and manchego cheese. Their dish also featured a roast chicken with preserved fruit, tempanillo, pinenuts and garlic roasted potatoes.

Those who have been major supporters of the Fleming Haliburton Campus turned out for the festivities. Reeve Murray Fearrey gave the cause and food two thumbs up.

"It's fantastic. I've been to most of these events before and they are exceptional," he said. "You get to taste food



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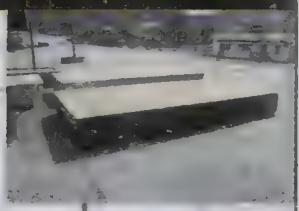
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Good News for West Guilford Musician

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Staff Reporter

Carl Dixon, West Guilford resident and front man for Winnipeg rock group Guess Who, is conscious and talking, but is still confined to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, Australia.

Dixon, 40, was involved in a head on collision on March 14th at Ballan, west of Melbourne. He was in a coma for a week and two days. He suffered some internal injuries, broken bones, facial wounds and head trauma in the collision.

Carl's wife Betty Ujvari reported via carldixon.com that Dixon finally emerged from the coma on Wednesday, April 23rd.

"Carl is very strong both physically and mentally," said Ujvari, who has been at Dixon's side daily since the tragedy. "He successfully pulled himself out of a coma to consciousness, was taken off medically assisted breathing, and began to talk."

Ujvari said that Dixon's first words were, "I love you."

Shortly after he asked, "Did the soundtrack turn out all right?"

Ujvari said that it was then that she knew that Carl was on the mend.

"That's my Carl," said Ujvari. "A devoted husband and father and a consummate professional passionate about music."

The second question was telling, because it meant that Carl was cognizant of events leading up to the accident.

Dixon was traveling back from a recording studio at Daylesford, north of Melbourne, when the accident occurred.

He was recording a song for the popular Australian television series *The Saddle Club*.

His daughter Lauren, 12, plays the lead role of Stevie in the series, which is being filmed at Daylesford.

Ujvari has been in Australia with Lauren during filming of the popular series. They have a residence near Daylesford and Carl was driving back to the family's Australian residence at the time of the crash.

The company that produces *Saddle Club* offered to fly the couple's other daughter, 16-year-old Carlin, to Australia and they have also provided lodgings for the family while Dixon recuperates at The Alfred.

Betty, Carlin and Lauren all extended their heartfelt thanks to all people who left notes on the carldixon.com website.

"It worked! All of your good wishes, prayers and positive

thoughts have paid off," said Ujvari, who also said that the family feels blessed to have so many people on board.

"Carl has become very popular in ICU because he has defied the odds," wrote Ujvari. "Everyone wanted to catch a glimpse of him from the first to care for him to those who repaired him. When asked by one of the nurses how he was feeling he said, 'Happy to be alive'."

It's expected that Dixon will be embarking on a pretty intense journey to recovery. It was reported that he had significant lower body trauma, and attendants on scene said that it took a rescue squad upwards of 60 minutes to remove Carl from the Toyota Corolla.

"We are all very happy Carl is alive," said Ujvari. "Carl has a long road ahead of him to gain his strength back. The continued support from all of you coupled with the love and support of his family will fuel the healing journey."

Dixon hosts a rock show on local radio station Canoe FM. He is also the Music Director at the volunteer station. Carlin and Lauren hosted a children's show on the same radio station and their dad was very involved in all facets of their life. Carl, Betty, Lauren and Carlin are also immersed in local events and are fixtures at Sir Sam's Ski Area during the winter months. Carl provided après ski entertainment at Sir Sam's on numerous occasions over the past three years. Carl has been very busy with his solo career and has also been performing with the Guess Who since 1997.

Dixon was born in Sault Ste Marie, but his music propelled him to larger centers, first as a member of Montreal's Firefly, and then later to larger success as front man and singer-songwriter for the popular Toronto group Coney Hatch.

When Coney Hatch disbanded in 1985 he went on to a solo career mixed with stints as a touring member of *April Wine*. In 1997 he was asked to come on as a front man for legendary Winnipeg rock band the Guess Who.

Dixon continues to front for the Guess Who. Dixon had tour gigs scheduled with the Guess Who in Biloxi Mississippi and Flandreau, South Dakota on April 18 and 19.

Postings of support have been flooding onto the injured musician's website. ■



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old woman with two daughters, ages 20 and 23. I married my high school sweetheart, "Cooper." I had heard rumors that Cooper had strayed from time to time, but had no evidence to back it up, and, of course, he denied it.

I went by my husband's office one day to surprise him, and his new secretary informed me that Cooper had just taken his wife to lunch at a local bistro! I went right over there and found them whispering, kissing and feeding each other. I did not make a scene. When Cooper arrived home that evening, I confronted him. He tried to deny it. I called him a liar and he slapped me! (A first.) He moved out that night, and I filed for divorce.

I pawned my wedding band and engagement ring. The clerk asked if I was going to buy a divorce ring. I had never heard of one. I searched online, found a nice one, ordered it and wear it proudly.

Cooper and his parents are livid! They say I am poking fun at him and accuse me of "promoting divorce." My friends and oldest daughter think it's cool. Some of my divorced friends have ordered rings, too. The ring is different in design, beautiful, makes me feel good and shows my independence. Should I feel guilty for wearing an identity ring like this? -- DIVORCING AND LOVING IT IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR DIVORCING AND LOVING IT: No, you should not. The next time Cooper and his parents accuse you of "promoting divorce," remind them that it was Cooper who promoted divorce by openly cheating on you. If the ring brings you pleasure -- and comfort -- then enjoy it.

However, please be aware that many people will not understand its significance -- and if you wear it on the third finger of your left hand, they may think you are still married and unavailable. ■

"Feast of Foods"

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from different countries made by some great quality chefs. You definitely feel like you're getting your money's worth when you're coming with friends or family."

Both Brian Desbiens (past President of Fleming College) and Tony Tilly (current President) were out at the fundraiser to show their support for the Haliburton campus.

"The clear purpose is to raise money for bursaries for students," said Tilly. "And it's about a community coming together that has so much support for this campus."

Desbiens, who has a cottage

on Kennis Lake, also loved what he was seeing.

"I like to support this campus and its students. It's great to see the community leaders that make the campus a great place," he said. "People take real pride in this campus." He adds that the Highlands "is a gorgeous area, one of the most beautiful places in the world."

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Jaycock went on to say that at the end of the evening each chef was given a high quality knife as a token of appreciation from the Fleming College Foundation.

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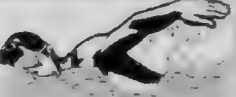


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Rick Fines Closes Out Popular Hair Lounge Series

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Staff Reporter

Peterborough Blues Man Riffs to Packed House

There is not a touch of ambiguity in the solid sweet blues that emanate from Rick Fines' guitar.

The right thumb drives the engine and

the foot propels the beat. He remains the consummate showman, interspersing his set with reminiscences, a little history and a story here and there.

Rick Fines is a singer, songwriter, teacher and raconteur.

A little bit of Kinmount mixed up with Delta Blues.

And why do they call it the blues if the audience is smilin'?

Call it the Fines' effect.

Fines was on hand for the closing gig of the popular Hair Lounge concert series last Saturday evening in Carnarvon. (Organizer Mark Christiano informed the crowd last Saturday evening that this would be the final concert in the popular Hair Lounge Concert Series. The facility will no longer be available for concerts, but Christiano did say that he might be looking for a new location... stay tuned.)

The packed house let the popular Peterborough blues man feel their love after every song. At the end of the evening they asked for more.

And he obliged.

The sets are tight, the fingers barely perceptible, the movement heard only in the crisp tones falling from the speakers. At times you will swear that there is another guitarist wandering riffs somewhere backstage. But Fines is alone, the hands and fingers transporting that musical mirage.

He is in his element here in Carnarvon; a small room; sounds swallowed by the crowd, the walls and the night.

"This is my favorite thing, playing to a crowd like this," says Fines relaxing in the back room before the gig. "I love a small intimate venue where you can see the faces of your audience. It's perfect."

At 46, he says he still loves the road. He travels often, but allows that his life is more complete now. A house in Peterborough, a cottage near Kinmount and a stable lifestyle thanks to a chance meeting over a decade ago.

"About 13 years ago I ran into an old friend and three years later I married her," chuckles Fines. It's a lifestyle far removed from his early roots in music, when paying gigs were scarce and money scarcer. He says that he wasn't always a blues man. "I learned to play guitar from a Neil Young songbook," says Fines.

By the time he was finished learning every song in the book, "the pages were falling out. It was a great way to learn." After that he played in some rock and roll bands, entertaining the de rigueur notions of stardom.

But somewhere in the mix, he was drawn to the blues.

His favorite blues artist is Mississippi John Hurt and he played a few of Hurt's ballads during the course of the evening. The blues have been his passion for the better part of two decades.

And somewhere there too, at the start of it all in fact, he found teaching. Sometimes the teaching paid the bills, but it's also an intrinsic part of his musical persona. It's something he continues to this day, mostly because he enjoys the challenge and the fruits of the discourse.

He still conducts classes and workshops, delivering wisdom and insight to small groups of musicians. A number of his former students were on hand at the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon last Saturday night. Tom Curlew is a former Fines' student and he made the trip from Fenelon Falls because as he says, he was not one of the most gifted students in his seminar but, "I loved the class because I got to listen to Rick Fines play guitar."

Fines says that when he was younger he used teaching as a fallback, because gigs in the early days were never plentiful.



Today he teaches because it gives him a break from the road. And yes he still loves the travel, the crowd and the interaction, but as any snowboarder will tell you, it's nice to ride switch every now and again. Call it a yin and yang thing.

For several years now he has taught finger style guitar at the Haliburton School of the Arts and blues guitar at Kincardine Summer Music Festival in Ontario. He also offers weekend workshops in slide at Fleming College and he has taught at the Hornby Island Blues Workshop in British Columbia. He works with kids as part of the Blues In The Schools programs in Ottawa, Saskatoon, Toronto and Fredericton.

Fines said that he's been pretty lucky.

He says that, at 46, he's now able to appreciate life a little more, lay back and enjoy the fruits of his labors. This summer, for the first time in as long as he can remember, he will be taking a few weeks off.

Time spent for R and R and introspection and "maybe a bit of fishing too."

Fines is also an accomplished guitarist and his dedication to craft has won him many awards.

In October 2005 Rick went to Alabama where he took first place in the Sweetgum Bottom Acoustic Blues Competition.

His song "Riley Wants His Life Back" won first place in the blues category of the 2003 International Songwriting Competition, with B.B. King acting as one of the judges. "I entered that contest specifically because I knew that BB was one of the judges, because I wanted to be able to say that BB King listened to one of my songs," says Fines, chuckling.

He won the Maple Blues Award for Songwriter of the Year last year, Acoustic Act Of The Year twice (98, 99), and has received eight additional nominations.

His work with Jackson Delta (for 15 years) brought nominations from both the Juno and the Handy Awards. He has played for legendary blues piano player Pinetop Perkins, singer Colleen Peterson, folk icon Penny Lang and many others.

Summer can be a busy time for a Canadian musician. Fines says that for a number of years he has committed

to 11 or 12 gigs during the hectic summer folk festival season.

"I don't know what happened this year, but I think I'm only doing four festivals, and that wasn't planned, but it's nice to be able to have that option now," says Fines.

He chuckles that there was a time, not so long ago, when a hole in his summer schedule would be greeted with no small amount of trepidation. Today, he's pretty happy with the reduced workload.

He'll be able to spend some quality time at the cottage, writing, reading and fishing. And maybe, playing a little guitar.

"I still love traveling and playing," says Fines. "But I also love working with students. I like the writing too. It's a balance."

Talk flows to the early years and the notion of paying dues.

"Everyone talks about paying dues," laughs Fines. "Musicians like to sit around and talk about paying dues. And I sometimes think that we forget that those days were some of the best days of our lives."

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Olympic Torch Relay Casts a Sputtering Shadow

Sports Column

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Prime Minister Wen Jiabao of China is blaming the Dalai Lama and his horde of dissent-mongering Tibetan Monks with slowing the already laughable progress of the Olympic Torch Relay.

The hand-to-hand transfer of the symbolic flame is leading a rather meager hand-to-mouth existence as a symbol of faster, higher, stronger and as a harbinger of 'peace on earth good will to men.'

The Japan leg of China's Olympic torch relay began last Saturday with thousands of riot police officers lining the streets, helicopters buzzing the skies and demonstrators rallying in a pro-Tibet prayer vigil.

Imagine the effrontery of these terrorist Tibetan teetotalers, monks in wolf's clothing, fomenting civil unrest and wielding that most loathsome of terrorist paraphernalia, the mighty OOOOMMMM! Traffic jams are common when protesters rally to cause. And as we know, large-scale gridlock is anathema to the spirit of free market democracies. Slows consumer demand, weakens stock outlooks, cab drivers goin' all Robert De Niro. You know, things like that. "You talkin' to me?"

Protests bulwarked by philosophy intrinsic to the Dalai Lama's teachings purports peaceful resistance, but Chinese authorities think that's a bunch of hooley.

Beware of Monks bearing inspirational messages, China says. And by the way, who's to say that the Lama isn't packing a greased Mach 10 with 50 round clip under those flowing cotton garments? This from China's secret police who have a knack for ferreting out such unseemly if unlikely scenarios.

In France, San Francisco and Australia, riot police, -- decked to the nines in full peace-loving and Olympic Spirit regalia, consisting of the de rigueur Ouzi machine pistol, helmet, visor, concussion grenades and tear gas launchers, flak jacket and matching oak billie clubs -- met all resistance, peaceful and otherwise, with the overarching philosophy of the military junta.

The short form of which goes something like: "Don't mess with Texas... Pilgrim."

It begs the question.

Are we, by bestowing an Olympic selection to a virtual junta, importing peace, love and the principle of democratic perseverance to China or are we, by dint of our coalescing support of this flickering flame fandango, being co-opted to China's totalitarian regimen of hard butt on soft chin histrionics.

The worm turns here. Just how far do we go to quell legitimate civil unrest in pursuit of the perfect 10 or the 9.2-second hundred? Is a gold medal in the 100 butterfly worth the litter of bodies and



trounced civil rights building chock-a-block in the malevolent wake of the Torch?

The Dalai Lama has called on the Chinese security forces and Tibetan protesters to avoid violence. He has also accused China of conducting a "cultural genocide" in Tibet.

Mr. Wen rejected that assertion and said Beijing would "continue to improve the region's economy and strive to protect Tibetan culture." And by the way, the lovely Mr. Wen will also sell you a beautiful piece of real estate in the Great Okefenokee Swamp for a pittance and a smile. Bungalows anyone?

From the headquarters of the Tibetan government in exile in Dharamsala, India, Dalai Lama said that Tibetans had the right to peaceful protest.

Yesterday's People's Daily commentary claimed: "The Dalai Clique have always been masters at games with words and the ideas that they have tossed about truly make the head spin ... Those who split the nation are criminals to history."

Translation? Watch your backs of a dark and rainy night dear members of the Dalai Clique. China has a pretty unambiguous track record when it comes to dealings with such "criminals to history." There are no rosy outcomes when such "criminals" are called for an impromptu tête-à-tête with Chinese counter-insurgent agents.

Here's what rumbled from the caustic Chinese politburo as they moaned on about last month's riots in Tibet.

"It is regrettable that authorities in Lhasa failed to take firm action to control the situation during the first few hours of the March 14 riots ... They did not have enough police. They had guns, but they could not open fire without permission from above."

Here's what I think about that little ditty. Holy mackerel monks. I can read between the lines. Time to make haste for the hedgerows. And double time, as fast as those hemp sandals will carry you.

But wait. The voice of reason has yet to chime. The oracle, International Olympic Committee (IOC) chairman Jacques Rogge spoke out last weekend.

"You don't obtain anything in China with a loud voice," Rogge told Saturday's Financial Times. "That is the big mistake of people in the west wanting to add their views. To keep face (in Asia) is of paramount importance. All the Chinese specialists will tell you that only one thing works -- respectful, quiet but firm discussion."

"Otherwise the Chinese will close themselves. That is what is happening today. There is a lot of protest, a lot of very strong verbal power, and the Chinese, they close themselves."

Here's what I think about that. Rogge blows like a giant vacant wind.

Here's what the Dalai Lama says about that. "Where ignorance is our master, there is no possibility of real peace."

Rogge went on to say: "It took us 200 years to evolve from the French Revolution. China started in 1949," Rogge added, noting that was a time when Britain and other European nations were also colonial powers, "with all the abuse attached to colonial powers."

Here's what I think about that. Jacques Rogge is mired in the diplomatic continuum. He tap dances lightly through the minefield of human rights abuse and de facto genocide like a Vaudeville pitchman.

The rhetoric rings hollow today. China is privy to worldviews on what is and what is not kosher. They can read a Charter of Rights. They belong to the United Nations. They know right from wrong.

But they know that petty and insignificant apologists like Rogge and his ilk will fight the battle for them. The IOC needs China more than China needs the IOC. And China knows it.

Here's what the Dalai Lama, that much maligned Tibetan terrorist has to say about this visceral fight for rights and freedoms.

"Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values."

For this, and other dark and dangerous ideas espoused by Tibet's spiritual leader, China has warned world leaders not to talk publicly with the Dalai Lama. Ignoring the taunts and threats, the Dalai has vowed to keep all lines of communication open.

He moves humbly on a world stage. He is incapable of rhetoric, preferring instead to teach by example. He smiles and he endures the abuse, ignoring the venom, the threats and taunts.

The Dalai Lama says that, "Today, more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of Universal responsibility, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life."

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive."

Here's what I think about that.

The Chinese are right. These are deep, dark, disturbing and dangerous deliberations, best kept sheltered from the mainstream of Chinese society.

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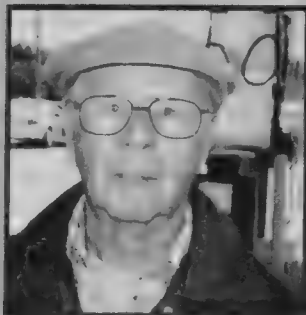
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James Pearsell, Haliburton – "The earnings for oil companies just came out and they're five times what they were last year! It'll put us into a recession. I still have to go to work and in this country you have to travel."



Peg Trueman, Haliburton – "I'm going to buy a bike and start riding it. It takes me 45 minutes to walk to work. I've tried to limit my trips and do things in one shot."



Philip Lawr, Haliburton – "I do believe that with the rising price of oil, gas will also go up. But I don't believe that the amount it goes up with corresponds with the price that we pay at the pumps."



Rick Lowes, Halls Lake – "I think the prices are outrageous. We're being gouged by the oil companies. I don't know what to do about it except maybe rethink my travel plans."



Rod Laird, Haliburton – "I'm not very happy. The thing that concerns me are the side aspects. They're trying to find alternatives and are using grains and corn to make ethanol. This is causing starvation in a lot of third world countries. The world needs to start looking at other alternatives."

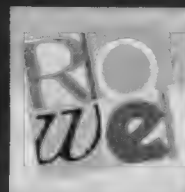


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Barry (Bazza) Hayward and new-found friend.

George Farrell
Staff Reporter

Trip To Africa To See, Listen and Care

Local rhythmic/humanitarian Barry Hayward (Bazza) has just recently returned from an eye opening trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), as part of a Maple Lake United Church congregation. Retired pastor John Patterson was one of the organizers on the trip, but unlike Bazza, who had never been to Africa, John has been a total of six times in the last six years. He and wife Thea have seen first-hand the devastation of HIV/AIDS in Kenya, and Rwanda. On one of their trips the Pattersons visited with the young Kenyans who had previously spent some time in the Highlands. Their village leaders requested help with HIV/AIDS, and John and Thea subsequently mobilized the Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) in Canada and Kenya, to respond to the request of the Masai people.

For the 2 week visit to the DRC, John, Thea, Bazza, Barbara Walford-Davis, Mary Hicks, and Shirley Holmes joined the Lindsay United Church congregation who were sending 11 members.

"The Congo initiative came from The Extra Measures Project within the Lindsay Presbytery," Bazza explains. The United Church created this unique funding initiative in response to another plea, this time from the Eglise du Christ au Congo (ECC). "All funds raised go directly to the ECC, specifically for the Bethsaida Centre, which is a centre for the orphans of HIV/AIDS."

John and Bazza have worked together before, and Bazza got involved in the Congo project to help raise awareness, and for the purposes of fund raising. Bazza helped in raising \$45,000, which was in excess of the \$30,000 target. An invitation from John to join the Congo delegation saw Bazza jump at the opportunity. Each member raised their own funds for the trip.

Once in Congo the delegation split into three. One group spent a week in the city of Goma in the province of North Kivu on the border of Rwanda. There they saw the broad range of essential services being provided by the church, visited camps for internally-displaced people, saw programs for orphaned children, and met with women who have been victims of sexual violence as a weapon of war. A second group went to Mbuji-Mayi to view the diamond mining interests of the region and the significant negative impact that the industry has on the people of the area and country. A third group visited the region of Bas Congo, again seeing the

work of the churches and the tremendous richness of the region. This is a historically-significant part of the country and the group visited some of those important sites. Bazza

was a part of the Bas Congo contingent. "In this incredibly beautiful and fertile part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, we learned so much about the true meaning of faith and compassion," he explained.

"I didn't really know what my role was before we went. Our group adopted a mantra which was 'to see, to listen and to care.' Everywhere we went we saw a financial or strategic need. While the need for financial resources was obvious, our partners (the ECC), were equally emphatic that we bring back the stories of the Congolese people and the many socio-economic, political, cultural and spiritual challenges they face every day. We also wanted to see how the fund raising dollars were put to use, and to identify other opportunities to support our partners in the Congo."

"We wanted to show our solidarity," John adds. "They'd never had a group of ordinary folk coming to see their work. The ECC is made up of 65 denominations working together in the Congo. That's a miracle that wouldn't happen here."

The Congo has been at war for so long that there's no money from Government to do any of this stuff, so the ECC delivers the social services in the country. The \$45,000 we raised is just a drop in the bucket." For example, another group in Napanee Ontario "raised money for a

maternity hospital, but we discovered that there was no water for the hospital. Can you imagine-no water for a maternity hospital? They need another \$3000 to supply the hospital with water, so we determined that was one of our Extra Measures Projects."

"It goes back to the 'see, listen, hear' mantra," Bazza says. "We wouldn't have known (about the water shortage) unless we'd seen it first-hand."

Bazza is known for his drumming hereabouts, as part of the Abbey North Drummers. His musical and rhythmic talents helped him communicate and get closer to the people he met in the DRC. He was impressed with the spirit of the people in light of their oppression. "In retrospect music was a huge part of what happened," he recalls. "Everywhere we went we were greeted with song, dancing and drumming. It was a tremendously unifying aspect of the trip, and having our own wacky drummer was a perfect opportunity, through music, to celebrate our solidarity," he says with a laugh. "There were songs of hope, celebration and despair. Often there were a Capella vocals. Kids would burst into song, or dance, or clap very spontaneously."

Bazza remembers one particular visit. "We went to visit orphans in the capital, Kinshasha. There was a drum under a tiny cabana-type structure. Someone suggested I beat the drum, which was a typical Congolese standing drum.

They were surprised and delighted that a foreigner would be able to come and play, and they started clapping."

In Matadi, another city in Bas Congo, "there was a choir waiting for us which consisted of a group of grandmothers. They sang for us, and we had a meal. When we finished our meal, I went outside with the grandmothers. There was a drum. They formed a sort of Conga line and they were dancing and singing, and I was drumming, and we all had a great time as the sun set slowly."

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Situations in Congo Inspire Local Group To Action

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While Bazza was in Bas Congo, John and Thea were in Mbuji-Mayi in central Congo, as part of another group. There they visited some well known and infamous diamond mines. "The area doesn't benefit the people," John states with an incredulous shake of his head. "Some of them (the miners) hadn't been paid in three months. The profits just don't get to the local people. Eighty percent of the mines are owned by the government, and most of the profit goes to support the war."

Incredibly the Congo has been at war with 9 different countries. There's also the problem of the Rwandan refugees that are fleeing their own country to parts of the Congo. John also points out that inadvertently, every time one of us buys a cell phone we are supporting the war in the Congo, as Coltan, a component in cell phones, is mined there.

John relates a story that was told by a church leader. The leader said "In a region where 4 million have been killed and hundreds of thousands raped, there is not a single weapon made in the Congo. They are made in Canada, in the US, in Germany. Where do these people who have no money for food get the money for weapons? We are asking you to stop the flow of arms. When we have peace, our people can return to our farms, feed their children... everyone will have work, and the rapes will decrease. The strategy we have as the Church is that we must have peace. You must tell your country, and your country can tell other countries. We must have peace."

John reiterates that devastating number again. "Four million people have died in the last 15 years, and we hardly hear anything about it. The life expectancy in the Congo is 37 years. These are only numbers until you go over, and see for yourself what's going on."

So what can a small contingent from Lindsay and Haliburton hope to accomplish with problems so systemic and ingrained? While Bazza states that "we have returned home with a renewed understanding of, and commitment to being in service in our communities, and in the world," John Patterson admits that "we have more questions now than ever before." But, "we want to support the people who want to do something about the situations such as the arms trade, women's rights, HIV/AIDS, national debt, education, access to health care, skills development, repatriation of Rwandan citizens, and progressive agricultural projects."

"Our trip was one of awareness and building relationships with people and organizations," adds Bazza. "What we do is only part of the answer. What is needed is world attention. Work has to be done through the media and our own government. For instance, what's our policy regarding Canadian mining interests in the Congo?"

What specifically the group representing the Haliburton United Church is going to do is still undecided. Says John, "we have a two-day session with our entire team. Experts are coming in to tell us more about the war, and we'll make up our mind what we can do after we find out more."

The group is not just waiting on advice from the experts though. Bazza, shortly after returning from his trip to the DRC, went off to Fredericton, to meet "with some folks from Agriculture Canada regarding a Congo project called CRAFTOD." The project is researching initiatives such as reforestation, livestock, brick making and additional skills training. "I am talking with them to look for ways to explore partnerships for assistance to people in the Congo."

So, the beat goes on, and fostering awareness is a very important step. To that end John Patterson says "Our team will provide speakers and visuals to any group who wants us to speak about what's happening in the Congo." Donations can be made through any United Church of Canada congregation (for the Congo Project). For more information calls can be directed to John Patterson at (705) 754-4972 or jpatterson@abbeynorth.ca ■

Gaia Centre hosts Sustainable Living Colloquium at Haliburton Fish Hatchery

"There are Societies in which Air, Water, Soil and Energy are seen as Sacred."

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is a land of great natural beauty and wildlife, but it also a land faced with environmental challenges. Virgin lakes are continuously being developed for new cottages, forests are being cut down for lumber, and potentially harmful uranium mining may soon begin.

Recognizing the environmental challenges that confront our county, the Haliburton Gaia centre hosted a sustainable living colloquium on Thursday, April 24th at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. The guest lecturer was the eminent environmentalist and author Mike Nickerson, who spoke of his new book *Life, Money, and Illusion*.

Nickerson gave an inspirational 45 minute speech to a small, but captivated, audience. "We are witnessing a fundamental change in humanity," Nickerson began.

"Society has always been about continuously growing and expanding. Now we've grown so much that we're stretching planetary limits. Look at the East coast fisheries for example. When Europeans first came to the Canadian Maritimes, there were so many cod that they could scoop them up in buckets. People expanded the fishing industry until it collapsed, and now there is barely any cod left. Similar things are currently happening with forests, soil nutrition, and fossil fuels. This is a wakeup call. Our society is beyond the point when getting bigger is better. Humanity needs to shift away from continuously consuming manufactured goods and to environmental sustainability."

Throughout his lecture, Nickerson urged the audience to pressure local politicians for environmental reforms. "There are societies in which air, water, soil, and energy are seen as sacred," he stated. "Within these societies, any government that fails to protect these sacred elements loses its legitimacy."

Nickerson assured the audience that if enough people within Haliburton County demanded environmental reform, municipal politicians would have no choice but to conform. Nickerson concluded his rousing lecture with a personal story. "I am now a grandfather with a two year-old granddaughter. One day, she will be a grandmother. She will tell stories of the great transformation that occurred, in which people changed the way they lived, and began to seriously respecting the environment. It will either be a story of annihilation and disaster, or creativity and celebration. It all depends on how soon humanity recognizes the environmental challenges that confront us, and the measures we take to address them."

Once the lecture ended, a panel of three local citizens discussed how relevant Nickerson's message was to Haliburton County. The panel consisted of Andy Campbell of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Carolyn Coburn of Environment Haliburton, and Alice Miller of Patient News Publishing. Although the three panellists had different opinions about Nickerson's lecture, they all agreed that it contained a very important message. Miller spoke of Patient News Publishing's endeavour to expand economically while becoming more environmentally friendly. "At first we thought that adopting environmentally friendly policies would cost the company money. It actually ended up saving us money. We've now added environmental sustainability to Patient News's core values." Miller hopes to encourage other local businesses to adopt similar practices, and to pressure local politicians into creating better environmental policies. Miller made it evident that the environmentally friendly measures that Nickerson recommends are already beginning in Haliburton County.

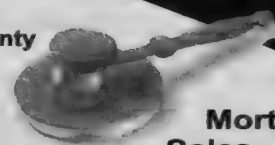
Although the Haliburton County Development Corporation has a mandate to create employment and wealth within Haliburton County, Andy Campbell explained that it must be done in an environmentally sound and sustainable way. "We try to consider the environment with everything we do," Campbell said. He therefore agreed that Nickerson's message was very applicable to Haliburton County. Panellist Carolyn Coburn was of a similar opinion. She stated that Environment Haliburton shares concerns similar to those of Nickerson, and that they were determined to create a more environmentally sustainable Haliburton County.

Nickerson's lecture was well received by audience and panel members alike. His lecture was thought provoking and very entertaining. Nickerson made the audience realize that although they live in a land of natural beauty, environmental degradation affects us all, and must be taken seriously. ■



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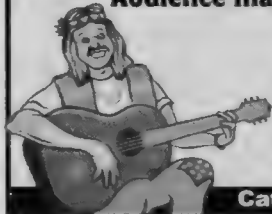
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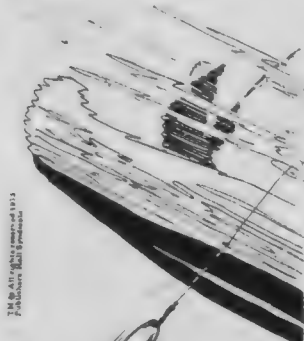
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3. Robinson Crusoe
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5. Stuart Little
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7. Peter Pan
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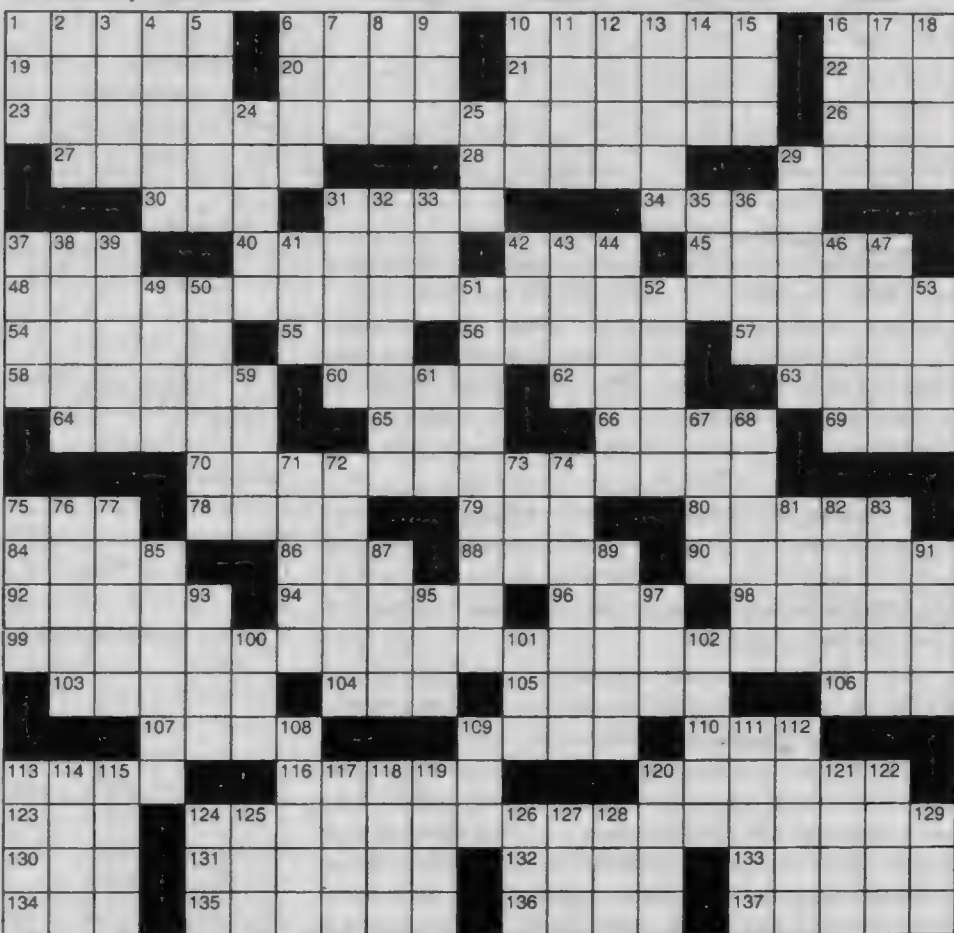
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ACROSS
1 Act like a peacock
6 Had kittens?
10 Played the trumpet
16 Holbrook or Linden
19 Stadium
20 Marathon
21 Not very often
22 Geologic division
23 "REQUIRES MINOR REPAIR"
26 Free (of)
27 Touched up the text
28 Range rope
29 Brawl
30 Bear's lair
31 Singer
34 Opinion
37 Latvia, once: abbr.
40 Lucifer
42 Recede
45 Alex Haley book
48 "ONLY WORN ONCE"
54 Schnabel or Rubinstein
55 Up to, for short
56 Private
57 Opera hero, often
58 Illinois city
60 Mindy of "The Facts of Life"
62 "Believer" ('66 hit)
63 Sens: colleagues
64 Refuse
65 — Cob, CT
66 Kett of the comics
69 Observe
70 "ONE OF A KIND"
75 Numbers man?
78 Actress
79 Spoil
80 Particles
84 Coarse file
86 Auto feature: abbr.
88 What have you
90 Secluded
92 Salad type
94 "Psycho" setting
96 Opening
98 Annoyed
99 "A FAMILY HEIR-LOOM"
103 Musical of "Tomorrow"
104 Mineral
105 Bestow
106 Trigger-happy guy?
107 Notion
109 Clutter
110 Urban transport
113 Nutritional need
116 Fashionably nostalgic
120 Ready for dinner
123 Poetic preposition
124 "AN ANTIQUE TREASURE"
130 '75 Abba hit
131 Olympian Gertrude
132 "The Seventh —" ('56 film)
133 Tennis player
134 Big bang letters
135 Keys
136 Moon Mullins' brother
137 Imitation
DOWN
1 — Mateo, CA
2 Sherwood sight
3 Stalk
4 Brought to ruin
5 Sample the sauce
6 Actor Pitt
7 British dominion
8 Author Umberto
9 Augsburg article
10 Kind of cheese
11 Zhivago's love
12 Smell — (be suspicious)
13 Summarize
14 Architect's add-on
15 Salon supply
16 "Mein —" ('93 film)
17 Sutherland solo
18 Tramp's tootsie
24 The Brainy Bunch?
25 "Doubtful" ('93 film)
29 Skunk in "Bambi"
31 Tall story?
32 Andy Griffith series
33 Yoko —
35 Supper scrap
36 Mississippi senator
37 Exchange
38 Start the slaw
39 Helicopter part
41 Tiny colonist
42 Browning's bedtime?
43 Iran's Abolhassan — -Sadr
44 German port
46 Prongs
47 Optical device
49 Hispanic money
50 Watch keepers?
51 In an engaging manner
52 Wrathful
53 Celtic
59 Tennis legend
61 Barnyard critter
67 Dictator
68 Fall blooms
71 Texas landmark
72 Powerful people
73 Pabulum variety
74 Mythical monsters
75 Gullet
76 Turkish title
77 Clinton Cabinet member
81 Exclude
82 Drilling site?
83 Pool person
85 Down-to-earth affair?
87 Command at a corner
89 Praises
91 Guitarist
93 Scolded
95 Author LeShan
97 Ararat's grp.
100 Born
101 Mordling mark
102 Nerd
108 Soviet cooperative
109 Trim the turt
111 Genie
112 — throat
113 Enthusiasm
114 Rock's —
115 Heron's home
117 Thornfield governess
118 Slope
119 AAA offerings
120 Normandy site
121 Mozart's — "kneine Nachtmusik"
122 Forest beauty
124 I.M. the architect
125 Drivers' lics., e.g.
126 Say please
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BORN THIS WEEK: You can combine a sense of adventure with a penchant for practicality. Have you considered a travel-related field?

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You've set a fast pace for yourself. But as you approach your goal, you might want to slow down a bit in order to take time to reassess your situation and make changes while you can.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you

are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time out to relax and restore your energies.

Announcements

Death Notice

Walker, Barbara Virginia

Surrounded by her family at the Hamilton General Hospital on Monday April 28, 2008. Barb Walker of Hagersville and a long-time summer resident of Ingoldsby, in her 77th year. Dear mother of Jerry(Dale) Walker of Haliburton, Ralph(Kris) Walker of Townsend, Patricia (Jack) Esselment of Hagersville, Debbie(Pat) Martin of Caledonia and Sandra(Tim) Neilson of Caledonia. Cherished grandmother of Kathy & Cart, Bryan & Pauline, Adam & Kimi, Cody, Paul, Julie, Jim & Lilla, Tom & Chris, Scott & Laura and Bob. Great grandmother of Austin, Lauryn, Jordan and Michael. Sister of Joyce and Ron Feeney, Peggy Anderson, Pat Thompson and the late Ron Greenbury. Sister-in-law of Orvil Walker. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Fondly remembered by Murray Walker. Friends are invited to call at Cooper Funeral Home, 19 Talbot Street West, Jarvis on Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9 pm. Funeral Service on Thursday May 1, 2008 at 1 p.m.. Cremation to follow. Donations to West Haldimand General Hospital Foundation or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.cooperfuneralhome.ca

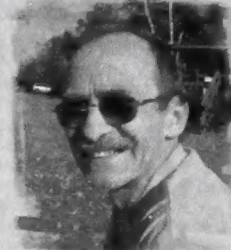
Thank You

HEART FELT THANK YOU. The Rowden family would like to express their thanks and kindness to all relatives and friends who traveled to Orillia to attend the funeral service of Barbara-Ann Henley (ne: Rowden). Barb lost her courageous battle with breast cancer April 8th, 2008. Barb is very sadly missed by family and by everyone who knew her. THE ROWDEN FAMILY. May 1 08

Death Notice



Grant Slote "The Drain Surgeon"



Suddenly on Thursday afternoon, April 24, 2008 in the orange truck that he loved.

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friend of Maureen O'Hara. Loving and proud father of Michelle of Haliburton and Stacey of Windsor. Grandpa to Drew and A.J. Renaud. Beloved brother of Sheila (Herb), Dan (Barb) of Windsor and Sandy Slote of Haliburton. Predeceased by parents Jack and Kay Slote. Grant will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his many cousins, family, friends and customers who he so proudly served.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to visit with the family and share a "Grant Story" at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Monday evening, April 28, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. and on Tuesday afternoon, April 29, 2008 from 1 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to Community Living Haliburton County would be appreciated by his family.

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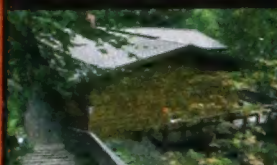
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Little Kennis Retreat with 262 ft of frontage, SE exp lot. 2 car garage with finished loft. 2500 sq ft of living space. 2 propane brick fireplaces. 3 lge bdrms, luxury kitchen, ceramic easy care floors, pine and sunroom. Save energy plus have security with Rollex window covers.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

McCue Lake View - \$139,900



3 bedrm. McCue lake across the road. Refinished original hardwood flooring & colonial trim & new ceramic tile. Renovations include the roof, new windows & doors, soffit & fascia, wiring, upgraded insulation, drywall, new main flr washrm, new 4 pc upstairs bathrm.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414

Beech Lake - \$789,900



7600 sq. ft. of living space comes fully furnished from 6 bedrooms to the audio/video equip in the sound proof theatre. All inclusive is outdoor entertainment as well including a ski boat, 2 snowmobiles, 2 kayaks, right down to outdoor furnishings and a BBQ hooked up in the gazebo.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414

Canning Lake - \$529,000



Total privacy with 375 feet frontage & 1.49 acres on a five lake chain. Well maintained year round waterfront home or cottage. Features: vaulted ceilings, large lakeside windows, walk-out to large deck overlooking lake.

Al Mayo * 286-1234

Log Home w/ Acreage - \$349,000



Large three bedroom self-sufficient home in very private location. This well built log home has generator for power supply, propane fridge and stove. Over 100 acres of land, river access, great property for the outdoor enthusiast with hunting and fishing at your doorstep.

Peter Franzen * 286-1234

12 Mile Lake - \$349,900



Prime direct waterfront gentle sloping well treed private parcel with expansive view and clean sand shoreline with rock retaining walls. Rare wet slip boathouse. Neat & clean charming vintage 864 sq.ft. cottage.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414

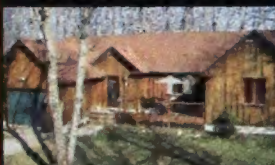
Little Gull Lake \$399,000



Little Gull Lake; west exposure, cozy 3 bed viceroi, level lot, 4 season cottage/home on a nice lake near Minden. must be seen.

David Lee * 286-1234

Excellent Rural - \$219,900



Turn-key rural residential property. 2 + 1 bdr, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with separate dining area. Main floor laundry room, attached 2 car garage. Many upgrades - all ceramic and laminate flooring throughout, new shingles 2006 and new well pump. Newly renovated lower level with walk out.

Debbie Cumber * 457-2414

Country Getaway - \$229,900



3 bedroom home/country on over 2 acres with beautiful perennial gardens and wonderful views from the new FM thermal windows with UV protection. This home also boasts a storage building. Located in the heart of cottage country and near public access to a variety of lakes and trails.

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234

Gull River - \$259,900



Charming three-bedroom home, 2-storey home in a great neighborhood. Features include separate dining room, large living room, modern kitchen, lovely yard. Two sunrooms, one at front & one at back overlooking the river, 2 pc wash room behind carport for summer use only. Deck at water. Home is on town services, plus close to hospital & school.

Grace Loughheed * 286-4106

Deeded Access - \$189,000



1450 sq. ft. 4 bedroom bungalow with renovated kitchen, new steel roof & solarium, close to public boat launch on Halls & Hawk Lakes. Deeded access to Kennis River off Big Hawk Lake Rd.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234

Kushog Lake - \$434,000



Lovely maple trees provide a park like setting for this 3 bedroom Viceroy style cottage. Open concept living room and kitchen, window corner breakfast nook, vaulted ceiling finished in pine. Large deck overlooking lake. Easy year round access.

Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

12 Mile Lake - \$499,900



Spectacular custom built new (never been lived in) 2 bdr plus loft home located on a level point lot with 189 feet frontage on prestigious. Clean shoreline and southwest exposure. Stunning modern open concept home windows, custom eat-in kitchen area, hardwood floors throughout.

Anthony vanLieshout** 457-2414

Deer Lake Cottage - \$299,900



Outstanding point lot with 162' frontage, SW exposure & 4 bdrs. Combination sand & rock bottom. Level lot....don't hesitate. Asking \$299,900. 130' Vacant lot for sale next door too!

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234

Cranberry Lake - \$379,000



Lakefront living at its best! this large three bdrhome with a big lake view and sand shore. Features huge living room and dining room with patio doors, spacious master bedroom with en-suite and wonderful lake views, this waterfront home or cottage is perfect for the family. requires some finishing.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234

Peach Lake - \$469,900



Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut.

Barry Warren * 286-1234

Kushog Lake - \$319,000



Quaint little 3 bedroom 4 season cottage/home with a huge private lot with over 390 feet of clean rock and sand frontage and 4.35 acres of land. Original hardwood floors and totally remodeled kitchen, propane fireplace, main floor laundry.

Cathy Bain * 457-2414

Redstone River - \$299,000



14 acres and over 400 ft. of frontage on Redstone River. There is a meadow down near the river where you can watch the deer play. This Cedar log home has 3 plus bedrooms, 2 baths, den, cozy living room, deck off the kitchen, walkout basement and much more to list.

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The Corporation of the County of Haliburton

Currently has a vacancy in the position of

Administrative Assistant – Finance within CUPE Local 1960
Reporting to the County Treasurer, the successful applicant will assist the Treasurer and the Administrative Management Team by being responsible for reception, accounts payable and receivable and other financial duties, filing records and providing general clerical support within Administration as requested.

Candidates interested in the position should submit an electronic cover letter and resume **no later than Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.** to the attention of:

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and Human Resources

Via email to: twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca

Alternatively, documentation can be mailed to P.O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

A detailed job description is available upon request.

The interview evaluation process may include testing of computer and other financial and administrative skills required to complete the duties of this position.

In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.



**TENDERS
FOR
THE MUNICIPALITY OF
HIGHLANDS EAST**

Tenders will be accepted for the following work:

- 1) **2008-01
Landing, Ramp & Stairs at the Highland Grove Community Centre**
- 2) **2008-02
Landing & Ramp at the Wilberforce Outpost**
- 3) **2008-03
Brushing at the Mumford Road Landfill**
- 4) **2008-04
Septic at the Tory Hill Community Centre**

Specifications for the above work can be obtained at the Municipal Office located in Wilberforce, Ward 1 office located on Monck Road, Cardiff and the Ward 3 Post Office located in Gooderham during regular office hours.

Closing date is May 12, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received at the address shown below and must be clearly identified as to which job they are proposing to tender.

Tender documents will be opened on May 12 at 12:05 p.m. at the Highlands East Ward One Office located at 2778 Monck Road, Cardiff, Ontario.

Successful candidate must provide copy of liability insurance and proof of WSIB coverage.

The lowest or any bid is not necessarily accepted.

Glen S. Covert
Environmental/Property Supervisor
P.O. Box 160, Monck Road
CARDIFF, ON K0L 1M0
Phone : (613) 339-2442

County Road 648
P.O. Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0
Telephone: 705-448-2981 Fax: 705-448-2532
E-Mail: highlands@on.aibn.com
G.S.T. # 108133430RT0001
Geographic Townships of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth

County Voice *Easy to Read* Classifieds

Deadline for Classifieds is every Monday at noon

Pets & Agriculture

ARE YOU A GOLDEN RETRIEVER BELIEVER? Golden Rescue, The Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Inc. URGENTLY needs foster homes, vet services, "forever" homes, donations, members, fundraisers/volunteers. Help us care for this magnificent breed. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated.

For information please contact us at 1-866-712-8444 or visit www.golden-rescue.net. P.S. Join us on Monday, June 23rd for our annual golf tournament. Not only are we looking for players, we need hole sponsors and donations to our raffle and silent auction. Apr d 08

PET GROOMING Call 286-6538

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Events

THE COMMUNITY CARE TRIP CLUB has two trips on the roster. On Wednesday May 28 we have a bus leaving for the Sony Centre to see Irish Singer Daniel O'Donnell and then on Wednesday June 11th we are off to see the Blue Jays play the Seattle Mariners. Our tickets are Field Level Infield, and we are directly behind home plate. Both trips include transportation, dinner and all taxes and gratuities. Call 457-2941 for more information. may d 08

SPRING FLING FASHION SHOW Presented by The Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary. Sunday June 1st, at 1:00 P.M. at THE HALIBURTON LEGION. Featuring Fashions by: COUNTRY PICKENS. Door prize, Draws, Refreshments. Tickets \$20.00 per person. All Proceeds used for Needed Equipment for the Haliburton Hospital Site. To order tickets call: 457-3030 may b 08

Events

SPRING CRAFT & BAKE SALE SATURDAY MAY 10TH, 2008. From 9:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre. Interested vendors call Lynn at 705-754-2530 may b 08

Haliburton County Businesses are invited to join Warden, Eleanor Harrison for the **1st Annual Warden's Breakfast.** The Warden will provide timely information on activities within the County including the County's bid to host the 2010 Ontario Summer Games! Kathy Marcelline from the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation (OTMP) will join us outlining OTMP activities and opportunities for the County and Haliburton's tourism partners. Enjoy breakfast and an opportunity to meet with other business people in Haliburton County. Date: Thursday, May 8th Time: 7:30 am to 9:30 am Location: Delta Pinestone Resort Cost: Tickets are \$10 per person RSVP: Call Amy or Ann of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing at 705-286-1777 or 1-800-461-7677 or by email to abrohm@county.haliburton.on.ca

Health & Wellness

Yoga for beginners and coffee lovers. Call Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121 or check www.haliburtonyoga.com may a 08

Lost & Found



LOST DOG. Are you missing this sweet female Shepherd / Cross dog. Found near 12 Mile Lake Road. Please call 705-286-6162

Careers

CAREERS. CAREER IN REAL ESTATE. Contact Kate Archer, Training Director at (705) 457-2220 or careers@bowesandcocks.com Bowes & Cocks Limited, Brokerage. apr c 08 tfn.

Help Wanted

DRIVER WANTED. Driver wanted for Lumber deliveries throughout South and Central Ontario-DZ licence required-some yard work - Wilberforce Area - phone Peter at Highland Forest Products- 8:00am-4:30pm- Monday to Friday. 705-457-3192 may a 08

HELP WANTED. Mill Pond Restaurant looking for dishwasher & kitchen help for part-time work year round & full-time in the summer. Ask for Brad @ 489-3353 apr d 08

MEAT CUTTER. Full time position. Please reply with resume in person to Easton's Valu-mart, Minden. Phone 705-286-6032 and ask for Pat Pierson or Lynda Easton. Fax 705-286-4765 apr d 08

Comm Space

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE - HWY. #118 WEST. 2200 - 3000 Sq. feet for lease. Close proximity to town. Suitable for two retail stores or professional offices. For further information and to view call (705) 457-9209 may b 08

For Rent

FOR RENT- FURNISHED APARTMENTS- 2 Single bedrooms in town furnished. New and quiet, bright with private entrance, living, kitchen, bath, laundry room. A/C, cable, high speed internet, all utilities included. Single \$850, Double \$1000. Suits 2 students or business professionals. By the week / month or season. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS- Call 705-457-1513 may b 08

FOR RENT. House for rent, waterfront. Two bedroom furnished, well maintained. References required, must have employment. Close to Haliburton. Call 705-457-7475 may b 08

FOR RENT. 4 Bedroom home in Ingoldsby. \$690 plus utilities. 1st and last month required. Wood and baseboard heat. NO SMOKING! Available May 1st. Interested call Valerie or Walt at 705-286-2900 may b 08

FOR RENT. Commercial Space 152 Highland St. Corner of Highland & Cedar. Overlooks Head Lake. Suitable for office or retail: approximately 1500sq. ft. plus patio. Michael Easton Enterprises Ltd. 705-457-5143 or fax 457-9167 may b 08

For Sale

FOR SALE NEW COMPLETE SEPTIC SYSTEMS. 30 Years of experience in Minden and Haliburton area. We take care of all paperwork and permits. Fully licenced, health unit inspected. Call for a free estimate, Brent Colman Trucking and Excavating at 705-286-3952 or 1-800-357-8711 may d 08

FOR SALE. Heavy Duty trailer hitch (hidden hitch). Frame mount from a 2005 Taurus. \$75 call 705-489-2945 may a 08

FOR SALE. 1982 Honda Silver Wing Motorcycle 500cc. with 76150 kms. New battery, new tires, new rear brake and stereo. Asking \$1300 or best offer. Call 705-754-1239 may a 08

FOR SALE. Double bagger off Husqvarna 15 h.p. 32 gallon containers \$50 cash Phone 705-448-2248 may a 08

FOR SALE. 1-1998 Chevy Lumina certified ready to go. PW, PL, A/C, PS. V6 with 160 K Extras. \$2650 or best offer. Phone 457-5381 may a 08

FOR SALE. ATV 2005 Yamaha Bruin E/W winch \$4000 call 7541698 apr d 08

FOR SALE. A truck cap fitting a 2000 to 2006 Chevy Extended Cab, black asking \$500 and a boat for sale a 20 1/2 ft. Rinker, mint condition with cuddy, 5 litre with 275 out and trailer. Phone for more details. Asking \$17,500. Call 705-489-2429. may a 08

FOR SALE: 2 Bedroom house, Haliburton in Town. \$90,000 MUST GO! Call 1-705-457-5874 may a 08

Wanted

ARTICLES WANTED Old or Antique used furniture, one piece or whole estates bought plus clean-up of everything also cars, trucks, boats trailers if the price is right I will make you a deal on anything call Richard in Tory Hill at 448-3920 may a 08

Services

GRASS CUTTING. Haliburton - Minden-Carnarvon - Halls Lake - West Guilford - and surrounding area - **CALL PAUL AT 705-457-7766** june d 08

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Comm Serv

COMMUNITY CARE HALIBURTON COUNTY is now looking for the following items ... wheelchairs, a raised toilet seat without arms, cuff crutches, walkers with brakes and wheels. If you have any of these items that you no longer need and would like to see them put to good use, please call Community Care at 457-2941. Apr d 08

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE, Pregnancy tests, information, support. Free, confidential. Lower level Stedman's Mall 457-HOPE, www.haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca Apr d 08

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, A Christ-centered recovery group for all of life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. A time of worship, teaching, Small Groups, and community. Meet others journeying this same road as you, & take steps towards freedom from the addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviours that hold your life back. Every Monday Night 7 - 10 PM at Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park Street, Haliburton. 457-2851 www.celebraterecovery.com TFN

Make Sure the County knows of your next event call 457-5001

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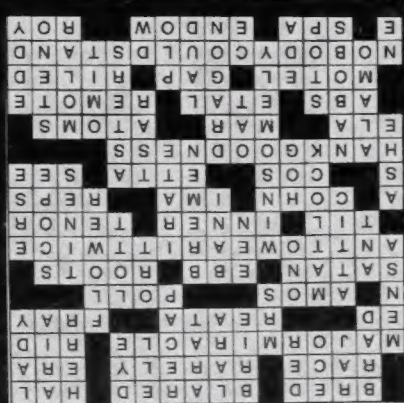
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Private 5 Acres \$259,000



4 BR, 2 baths, large master with ensuite, eat in country kitchen, screened porch, dbl garage, full finished basement, fam. Rm, near access to Maple Lake,

Greg Stamp 457-2128

Haliburton Lake \$419,800



4 BR cottage with boathouse. 2 separate lots totalling 183 feet of sandy frontage with south exposure, nicely treed with easy access for year round use.

Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128

Beautiful Horseshoe Lake \$469,000



View from your antique Harvest dining table just steps from over 100 feet of sandy beach. Classic, well appointed 3 bedroom cottage screen porch and bunkie. A must see.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138

Beautiful Island Lot \$194,900



300 ft frontage on Eagle Lake with south exposure and sand bottom. 2/3 of an acre with great cottage/home potential. Parking & boat slip reserved on mainland.

Dagmar Boettcher 286-2138

Haliburton Village Home \$229,900



4 BR, professionally renovated from top to bottom - New floors, appliances, kitchen, bathrooms. Large landscaped lot, great location, close to all amenities.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138

Perfect Family Setting \$389,000



Custom built 4 BR on 25 acres. Ceramic, granite & hardwood flooring, open concept dining room/kitchen custom built oak cabinets & island, & wrap-around deck.

Anne Moulton 286-2138

Haliburton Building Lot - \$45,000



The trees will come alive for you as you build your new dream home on over 15 acres to roam and explore to your heart's content. They're waiting for you!

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

Pine Springs Area \$119,900



Terrific starter home with over 1 acre of well treed property creating a lovely yard. All living on one floor. New septic and a newer drilled well.. Home needs some TLC.

Kristin Withey 286-2138

Kashagawigamog \$849,000



Beautiful bright 3 BR, 3 bath executive waterfront home on a level treed lot. Open concept LR, sunken pine FR & stone fireplace. Sunroom, huge patio & gazebo

John Hincks 286-2138

Newer cedar cottage



2+ acres and 105 feet of sandy shoreline on Lorraine Lake. Year round open concept cottage has pine interior. Cedar bunkie too! North west exposure.

Janice Brookes 457-2128

Live in Paradise! \$980,000



Amazing house with oasis view of Bat Lake. Unique property offers unbelievable privacy with peaceful forest. 3500 sq.ft., 3 BR, 3 baths. Huge patio and so much more.

Nuriya (Nora) Kohanova 286-2138

Charming Home \$167,900



3 BR, 2 storey home close to the Hawk Lakes, Kennisis River, access to Halls Lake, park, boat launch & hiking trails. 4 acres of hardwood forest and Bunkie!

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Little Redstone \$839,000



Custom-Built Executive Cottage. Pvt, level lot, 230 ft frontage. 3043 total sq ft, Vaulted Cedar Ceilings, Granite counters, 3+ BR, 4 baths, Rec Room with Wet Bar, Hot Tub.

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Blairhampton \$25,900



1.1 acre well treed building lot, year round access, conveniently located between Minden and Haliburton, waiting for your dream home. Adjacent lot also available.

Hank Bertrand 457-2128

Haliburton Lake - \$379,900



Prime waterfront on one of Haliburton's most desired lakes. 3 bdms, open concept, on the edge of the lake. 100 ft of sand beach, west exposure.

Drew Bishop 457-2128

Cute as a Button \$319,000



Vintage 3 BR cottage, 720 sq ft, airtight woodstove on the perfect flat lot with flat rock and sand beach shoreline on a municipal road on a quiet dead end bay.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Kennisis Lake \$549,000



Newer well built 3 bedroom, pine ceilings & wainscoting, ceramics, woodstove, oak kitchen, built-in appliances, main fl. Laundry, large deck and much more!

Mark Denny 457-2128

Loon Lake \$229,900



Very private, water-access secluded family 2BR cottage with 167 of shoreline. Bunkie, boathouse with rooftop deck and more. Comes furnished and ready to enjoy!

Susanne James and Andy Mosher 457-2128

In Town Home \$139,900



Newly renovated 2 bedroom home located just a few steps from town. Great starter or retirement home.

Paul Szpik 457-2128

Little Glamor Lake \$349,900



Family Friendly! Level lot with sand shoreline great for all ages! 3 BR, open concept with full walkout basement, fully furnished. Great lake, super view!

Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

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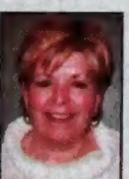
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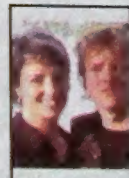
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